

AARC Meeting Minutes May 10,2022

Zoom Meeting started at 7 PM by Acting President, Ed Berkowitz, N3US

Don Eason gave Treasurer's Report for April:

Beginning Balance:	\$32,324.52	
Checks:	\$235.00	SERA dues and annual liability insurance premium)
Deposits:	\$408.92	(Dues: \$408.65 and interest: \$0.27)
Ending Balance:	\$32,498.44	

Larry Eicher will transition to take over as Treasurer and is training with Don. In process of transferring account to UVA Credit Union from Truist/BBT.

New Members voted in:

KK7EHH Josh Sullivan from Oregon and moving here soon.
N4BFT James DeVincentis, son of KO8V
Doug Goode family membership, wife Tiffany as associate member.

Estate Sales – Jim Owen:

Variety of stuff including mobile dual band linear amplifier, base station, sheriff dep't radios. Look at swapfest on website for equipment for sale.

Field Day - Dennis Terrible:

Need schedule for operators for FD. Needs Google doc from Bob Romanko (accomplished subsequent to meeting)

All Repeaters are again linked. Replaced defective 440 MHZ link Motorola transmitter at Martha Jefferson site using a spare asset. Bill Pond has ordered a replacement spare.

Public Service - John Porter:

Ride to Defeat ALS is this Saturday, May 24. Over 25 club members volunteered to provide communications support for this important event.

Presentation by Jack Smith was introduced by John Porter.

Tonight, our VA Section Manager, Jack Smith, K44LWT, gave a presentation on "Amateur Radio Emergency Service in Virginia." See attached for details.

QnA followed.

Contact Jack Smith, KE4LWT@arrl.org, 662-523-0000.

Other business:

Kevin Cwalina talked about SOTA event in Shenandoah Park. He'll look into doing event there. Need to pick date and location.

Meeting adjourned by Ed at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Kramer KN4CJI

Secretary

AARC Meeting Attendee List 5/10/2022

24 in attendance via Zoom

John Porter	KK4JP
Ed Berkowitz	N3US
Jack Smith	KE4LWT (guest)
James Owen	K4CGY
Steve Kramer	KN4CJI
Dave Damon	K4DND
Dave Beebe	KN4UEK
Don Eason	N4UVA
Ian Callahan	KN4TBG
Jim Wilson	K4BAV
Joe DeVincentis	KO8V
James DeVincentis	N4BFT
Larry Eicher	K4JZQ
Michael Rein	KA4JJD
Dennis Terribile	WR4I
Ben Kidd	KG4EIF
AJ Miller	KE4AJM
Steve Hull	KN4TKR
Stan Hazen	K2SSB
Joe Giovanelli	W2PVY
Julie – non ham	Guest
Ben Casto	NX4S
Kevin Cwalina	K4SHR
Mike McPherson	KQ9P

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Amateur Radio Emergency Service® in Virginia

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An overview of requirements, responsibilities, and initiatives.



Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) Purpose

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) consists of Amateur Radio licensees who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes.



Challenges to meeting the intent

- Since January 2019 the ARRL® has required all ARES® members to be issued a Training Task Book to track their continuing education, qualifications and skills.
- The loss of ARES® Connect without a replacement means that we have no way of tracking progress, or even membership.
- ARES® Leadership (Emergency Coordinators, District Emergency Coordinators, Section Emergency Coordinator, and their Assistants) are all required to complete level 3 training within 1 year of their appointment. To date, in the entire section, there are 4 operators who meet that requirement.
- Inability to quantify capabilities and capacities.



Additional responsibilities:

- Professional attitude and appearance.
- Honoring the “brand” of our partners.
- Proper coordination when going outside of assigned geographical areas.
- Public records.
- Respecting the needs of survivors.
- Continuity planning.



Current Initiatives:

- Re-establishing contact with all of Virginia's many appointees and partner organizations.
- Developing an interoperability plan.
- Development of "mini training" plans.
- Development of larger training plans.
- ARES® Mutual Assistance Team (MAT) program development.
- Resource Typing (The N5TIM Resource Typing Guides).
- Cooperative training with partners.



Questions?

Send questions to Jack KE4LWT,
Virginia Section Manager

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Contributions

You do not have to be a member of ARES® to help us develop the programs, but you should have a working knowledge of public service communications, or desire to learn.

If you would like to contribute, either documentation that you already have, such as training plans, previous event documents, etc. Please pass those along.

If you would like to join one of the teams, we'd love to have your assistance. We need people with training backgrounds, writers, HSEEP experience, and many others. There's a place for you!



Thank You!

Jack Smith, KE4LWT

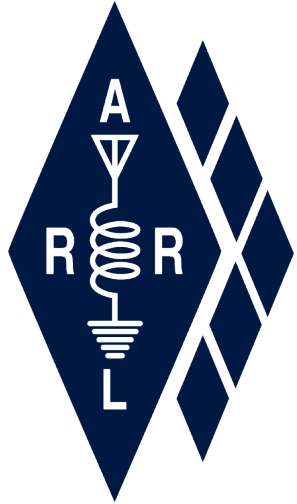
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