

## **AARC Board Meeting Minutes July 23, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 12:41 PM by Ed Berkowitz, Acting President.  
Meeting held at Firehouse Subs.

Attendees:

Board members:

Ed Berkowitz-N3US, John Porter-KK4JP, Larry Eicher-K4JZQ, Steve Kramer-KN4CJI, Jim Owen-K4CGY, Bob Pattison-K4DU, Ian Callahan-KN4TBG, Dave Damon-K4DND

Non Board member: Frank Haynes-W4NUA, Bill Pond -N0WP

Jim Owen and Frank Haynes checked in via Zoom

**Repeater report**-Bill Pond: About 146.895 repeater at Bucks Elbow, we will be allowed access to main shelter, which is climate-controlled in September. Dave getting quotes on tower climbers and Bill is getting quotes for two new antennas. He'll put together package with costs and present to club.

We have 160 ft roll of 7/8" hard-line given to us by the County. County is still testing antennas and once old antennas are removed, there will be space for our antennas at about the 70 foot height on the new tower.

Ed talked about VE sessions at PVCC.

Ed brought up 1<sup>st</sup> topic for discussion: club meetings in person again. Our contact is Ken Wolburn an instructor at PVCC who said we can use room there and he needs 2 week's notice. John Porter said our speakers need internet access and A/V equipment including projector for presentations.

Board agreed to meeting in person at PVCC for August club meeting. Subsequent to the meeting, PVCC concurred and invited John Porter to make a site visit. We want to be able to simulcast the in person meeting with Zoom for members not willing to attend in person.

2<sup>nd</sup> topic for discussion is how to get people more actively involved in club activities and to run for club offices.

Some discussion about what constitutes family membership and whether any by-law changes are required. It was agreed no by-law changes are necessary and that we should leave criteria as is, primary is licensee and associate is from household who is also licensed. A non licensed family member can apply for Associate member.

Discussion continued about getting more members active in club and running for office. Dave suggested looking at what other clubs in area are doing. For example, Greene county club has dinner meetings. We should offer more opportunities for people to do club activities.

We should recruit club members for all kinds of activities and grow people for club positions. Current and former officers should help new officers. Some discussion on eliminating term limits on officers.

Committee heads should recruit members to their committees to help.

### **Education class report – Bob Pattison:**

Technician class scheduled for this Fall, starting first Thursday after Labor Day in September. Bob needs help for Technician class as he will be traveling the next month. Still need to recruit students to class. We will Zoom class with last session in-person which includes class review and a VE session. We could investigate getting access to building on Saturday.

Jim suggested doing survey of people who want to get licensed. Could use Google forms to do survey. Some discussion as to whether surveys are useful since history of surveys is that no real result happens from surveys. We may want to target survey to specific items.

Another suggestion was to setup tutorial sessions to show newcomers how to do various ham activities. FT8 is newer technology that many new hams are using.

More discussion on why hams not active on air. ARRL VA Section is setting up programs to get people on the air but so far, no specifics have been announced.

New business: none

Reminder by Ed of club picnic on Sunday, September 11 at Darden Towe Park starting at 5 pm.

From Larry: Budget for picnic \$300-\$500 for food. Field Day \$556 spent on food.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM by Ed.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Kramer KN4CJI Secretary