

AARC Meeting Minutes 1/10/2023

Meeting started at 7 PM by Ed Berkowitz, N3US, acting president.
Held via Zoom.

Larry gave treasurer's report. Balance as of 1/10/2023 was \$36,988.26 in club checking account. He reminded everyone it is time to once again renew membership, either \$20 single or \$25 family. Check club website for info on paying by Paypal or send a check to AARC directly to club post office box, P.O Box 6833 Charlottesville, VA 22906. Also, if you're purchasing items through Amazon that we are registered with Amazon Smile which donates a portion of anyone's purchase directly back to the club. We hope members will utilize this option when making their purchases.

Repeater report by Bill Pond:

Trying to make repeaters easier to maintain. May move Bucks Elbow repeater to County building. Waiting for space in building to empty out so we can use it for repeaters. Antenna is built to order. Probably finish antenna project in 2023.

Education committee report by Bob Pattison:

He will organize education meeting to discuss next class. It should start soon. Will discuss whether class is for Technician or General license.

Ian has items for raffle which will be held next meeting at PVCC.

Elections for club officers held tonight. Slate presented:

President	Bob Romanko
Vice-President	John Porter
Treasurer	Larry Eicher
Secretary	Steve Kramer
Public Service	Dave Damon
Estate Committee	Ed Berkowitz
Technical Committee	Bill Pond
Public Relations	Dennis Terrible

No other nominations. Motion to accept slate made by Ian, seconded. Vote unanimous for slate. Congratulations to new officers.

Bob Romanko made brief speech thanking everyone and about how talented club members are and how much they give to club. Bob agreed to be net control for MNIN. Rest of meeting presided over by Bob Romanko.

Presentation by Jim Owen about POTA Parks on the Air.

He said there are over 10,000 parks in the U.S. POTA was started in 2014, by 2016 ARRL did 1 year of POTA, then group of hams setup POTA, website and rules. Parks

have a K####. There are 2 groups, activators who setup park station and hunters who try to contact them. Activators send in automated logs to ARRL. Use URL <https://pota.app/#/> to get to POTA app. Jim gave demo of app features. Uses N3FJP logging software.

POTA is like a contest that started in 2014 and never ended. A typical QSO is similar in format to Field Day. Jim has worked most POTA stations with 100 watts power.

Activators often use car mobile station and use a tree antenna. URL link to Jim's presentation:

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New members were asked to tell us about themselves. Ed, KC4YLX responded.

Old/new business: Jim commented about sending payments to Paypal account referencing Paypal taxes for 2023.

Could sell used equipment on Paypal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM by Bob Romanko.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Kramer, Secretary

22 Attendees on Zoom:

Ed Berkowitz	N3US
Bob Romanko	AK4BR
Steve Kramer	KN4CJI
Dave Damon	K4DND
Bob Pattison	K4DU
Don Eason	N4UVA
Bill Pond	N0WP
James Owen	K4CGY
Dave Beebe	K4UEK
Warren Yursik	KN4LYF
Larry Eicher	K4JZQ
Joe deVincentes	KO8Y
Jim Wilson	K4BAV
Ian Callahan	KN4TBG
Rich Freeman	KI4QKV
Ed Lang	KC4YLY
Dan Shumard	N6DJS
Len Soika	KQ4BBR
Ben Kidd	KG4EIF
Bob Mitchell	KE4VJW
Steve	KN4TKR
Ron Richey	K4RKA