

## **AARC Board Meeting Minutes 7/11/2023**

Started at 6:34 PM by Bob Romanko, president. Held at PVCC.

Attendees: Bob Romanko, Ed Berkowitz, John Porter, Steve Kramer, Larry Eicher, Bill Pond, Dave Damon, Dennis Terribile, Jim Owen, Joe Giovanelli, Frank Haynes.

Treasurer Larry Eicher suggested twice a year that budget numbers for each committee is submitted and approved. Bob suggested January and July board meetings would be preferable.

ARES report: Mike McPherson had sent letter to board resigning as club emergency coordinator. Discussion about replacing Mike as ARES chair. ARES is not part of club but we do provide assistance. Joe, Dave and John are members of ARES group.

Mike McPherson is the trustee for W4UVA, the UVA club. Mike is removing himself from that position by 2025. The club's location is in building due for renovation so equipment and tower need to be moved. UVA facilities promised to find new location for tower.

Tech committee report (Bill Pond)

He reviewed remaining purchases for installing new antennas on tower. Bill estimates remaining purchases to do installation about \$2200. Person who was originally contacted to install antenna is tied up with other projects and suggested we find someone else. Bill contacted a former club member who recommended a small company to do the work. Bill called High Tower Communications and requested a proposal from them. He has detailed engineering drawings which were given to High Tower. Bill said ARES Internet hot spots (WinLink Gateways) are already paid for and no monthly expenses. Wintergreen gear belongs to Henry Fuller (220 repeater). Bill said to query club on what other uses for repeaters.

Estate Sales (Ed Berkowitz)

Ed spent \$25 to replace bad battery on some used gear. We may be able to get a 90 ft. tower for club. Should ask person we hire to install antennas if he can help with 90 ft tower.

Public Service (Dave Damon)

There will be 2 public events this fall. One is the RockRidge Gravel Grinder on Oct. 28th and an Offroad event at Blue Ridge School Nov. 12th.

No budgetary needs expected.

Public Affairs (Dennis Terrible)

One large T-shirt from FD left. Publicity for FD very successful. TV and newspaper interviews successful.

Treasurer Report (Larry Eicher)

Larry paid 3 bills for FD. If anyone has any charges related to FD that they want reimbursement, see Larry.

Next board meeting in October.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM by Bob.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Kramer  
Secretary