

Albemarle Amateur Radio Club

February 13, 2024

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order 7:04pm, by President, Bob Pattison, K4DU Meeting held at PVCC and via Zoom.
2. Welcoming Statement & Announcements
 - a. Two tables have been reserved and paid for the AARC Saturday April 13, 2024 - Ruckersville Elementary School - 8:00AM to 2:00 PM
3. Minutes from January meeting approved
4. Treasurers Report - Larry Eicher, K4JZQ
 - a. Starting balance: \$34868.28 is club account balance.
 - Check for \$300 to reimburse N0WP for authorized repeater equipment
 - Current club account balance is \$34568.28
 - b. Dues due prior to April 1 deadline
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Technical Committee - Bill Pond, N0WP
 - Board approved UHF repeater to be used as a hub device for linking system replacing simplex radio to clean up traffic flows and will implement within the next few weeks
 - Working through timing with tone & code decoders to improve delays in transmissions. Audio hope to be maintained.
 - b. Public Service - Dave Damon, K4DND
 - Volunteers are needed for the following upcoming spring PS events:
 1. Saturday, March 17:
Blue Ridge School in Dyke, VA
event starts at 10AM with an 18 mile mountain bike course, and a 34 and 51 mile road courses.
 2. Saturday, May 4:
The 3rd annual Blue Ridge Ride to Defeat ALS start at 10AM from Pro Re Nata Brewery and Restaurant in Crozet. No short family fun ride to Chile's Orchard, but the normal 25, 50, and 100K road courses will take place. Large number of volunteers are needed.
 3. Saturday, May 4
Spring Rockbridge Gravel Grinder, same day as ALS ride.
 4. Saturday, May 11
Mint Springs Trail 5K Run
Last year, Ben KG4EIF, Tonya KQ4EUR, and Nate, N4PED worked the event and have agreed to come back again this year.

- c. Education Committee and VE's - Hank Perritt, K9KDF (not present) John Porter, KK4JP provided update
 - Tech course in session on Wednesdays at 7pm using the same Zoom link. People may still join, but will have to review chapters that have already been discussed.
 - VE session to be after the last session of course end of March early April
 - d. Fund Raising - AJ Miller, KE4AJM
 - 16 channel mobile scanner, B&W 600 dip meter, cordless headphone set, amplifier and other items
 - Generated \$27 through raffle ticket purchases
 - e. Public Relations Committee - Dennis Terribile, WR4I (not present), Bob Pattison, K4DU, provided update
 - Renewed with library
 - QST and On the Air can be checked out.
 - Dots & Dashes also available
 - f. Estate Committee - Ed Berkowitz, N3US
 - Donation received from an SK estate with Omini 5, TH-F6 triband, and other small items brand new in box. Items have been listed on Swapfest.
 - Let Ed know when items have been sold so they may be removed.
6. New Business
- a. New Members voted in
 - Luke Bonewitz, KI4DNX
 - Emil Frlez, KQ4LQQ
 - Jake McLaughlin, KQ4OAD
 - Mark Kocher, KB4CNQ
 - Michael Johnson, KD4NNL
 - b. Life Membership for Jim Owen, K4CGY, nominated by Ed Berkowitz, N3US, seconded by Bob Pattison, K4DU (Attachment 1)
 - c. Announcement: Ben Kidd, KG4EIF, School Club Roundup (Attachment 2)
7. Program - John Porter KK4JP, "The AARC" (Attachment 3)
8. Close of Business: Adjourned 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya Pedersen, KQ4EUR

Secretary

Attendees (31):

In Person (19):

Bob Pattison, K4DU
AJ Miller, KE4AJM
Brian Williams, New Tech
Ed Berkowitz, N3US
Dudley White, W4CKP
Nate Pedersen, N4PED
Tonya Pedersen, KQ4EUR
Jim Wilson, K4BAV
Ron Richey, K4RKA
Joe Giovanelli, W2PVY
Larry Eicher, K4JZQ
Mark Kocher, KB4CNQ
Dave Beebe, K4UEK
Bob Romanko, AK4BR
Ben Casto, NX4S
Jim Owen, K4CGY
Kevin Cwalina, K4SHR (non member)
Ian Callahan, KN4TBG
John Porter, KK4JP

Online (12):

Rich Freeman, KI4QKV
Bill Pond, N0WP
Emil Frlez, KQ4LQQ
Barbara Freeman, KN4LAH
Joe Devinentis, K08V
Ben Kidd, KG4EIF
Warren Yursik, KN4LYF
Bill Oleksy, KF4IE
Dave Damon, K4DND
Jordan Wade, WY1S
Joe Thompson, KN4WJK
Patrick Morrissay, KO4VLM

Attachment 1

February 6, 2024

To: Board of Albemarle Amateur Radio Club

I hereby nominate Jim Owen, K4CGY, to stand for election to Life Membership in the Albemarle ARC. Jim has been a Full Member for far longer than the minimum of eight years, and has more than a total of ten years as a Full or Associate Member. He joined AARC in 2008.

Jim's contributions to the Albemarle ARC are off the chart. If we had members who were willing to devote a fraction of the time and energy as Jim, we would have an organization that would be the envy of the entire ham radio world.

Jim served admirably as President during 2014, Field Day Chair for many years, Trustee for our club repeater licenses, and Director of Estate Planning for over ten years. He currently does an amazing job assisting me in my role of Director of Estate Planning. Jim continues to play a pivotal role in the repair and sale of club owned equipment, directly resulting in our large club balance in our credit union account.

Jim has been a tireless, enthusiastic cheerleader for the Amateur Radio Service, and its local incarnation, the Albemarle ARC. It is certainly past time that the AARC recognized Jim's many contributions and support of the AARC.

I am very pleased and honored to place the name of Jim Owen, K4CGY in nomination for election as a Life Member of the AARC.

Sincerely,

Ed Berkowitz, Life Member, Former President, and Current Board member

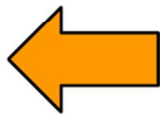
Attachment 2

ARRL School Club Roundup

Listen for Baker-Butler Elementary School - Callsign KG4EIF

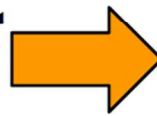
Wed/Thurs 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM EST

- 146.54 MHz FM
- 20m - 14.250-14.280 MHz SSB
- 40m - 7.225-7.255 MHz SSB



Wednesday

**Put it on your
calendar!**



Thursday

