

Albemarle Amateur Radio Club

April 9, 2024

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order 7:00pm, by President, Bob Pattison, K4DU Meeting held at PVCC and via Zoom.
2. Welcoming Statement:
 - Welcomed representatives from ALS Association who discussed the ALS May 4th bike event. Extended gratitude to volunteers. Discussed various bike routes noting no family ride this year. Introduced association. Fund raising goal of \$150,000.
3. Minutes from March meeting approved.
4. Treasurers Report - Larry Eicher, K4JZQ (not present) John Potter, KK4JP, provided update
 - Balance \$ 35,876.36
 - IRS short form was submitted with no funds required for submission.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Technical Committee - Bill Pond, N0WP
 - Repeater upgrades still in progress.
 - b. Education Committee and VE's - Hank Perritt, K9KDF (not present) emailed written report to John Porter, KK4JP, who read the following update:
 - "1. Successful conclusion of a technician test prep course, with the active, efficient, and complaint participation by a number of members of the club as instructors and 15-20 students in regular attendance.
 2. Completion of examinations for 12 test takers, all but one of whom passed. Eleven represent new members of the ham community.
 3. Significant progress on the effort to introduce ham radio into the schools, with Dennis Terribile stepping up to meet with teachers and principals who express interest. This is an initiative prompted by Alan Swinger, K9MBQ, who has aggressively pushed it forward. Whether anything concrete happens depends on (1) the staff member I sent a draft communication send it out, as she has agreed, and 2) any principals or teachers addressed by the communication express interest."
 - c. Public Service - Dave Damon, K4DND
 - Saturday, May 4, 3rd annual Blue Ridge Ride to Defeat ALS will start at 10AM from Pro Re Nata Brewery, Crozet, VA.
 - Saturday, May 4, Rockbridge Gravel Grinder, Rockbridge Vineyard and Brewery, Raphine, VA
 - Volunteers still needed.
 - d. Fund Raising - AJ Miller, KE4AJM

- Raffle included various items
- e. GVARC Thawfest II – Bob Pattison, K4DU
 - Saturday April 13th, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Ruckersville Elementary School: AARC has (3) tables reserved inside with chairs.
 - The club charges a 10% commission for selling items, but that charge will be waived if you spend two hours helping at the table
 - Price items accordingly.
 - If you leave the hamfest, take you items with you. The AARC will not be responsible for unsold items left at the show.
 - f. Public Relations Committee – Dennis Terribile, WR4I
 - Field Day shirts need approval for funds.
 - Working on getting ham radio in schools.
 - Working with media, Sandy Hausman, to assist in getting the word out.
 - g. Field Day Committee – Bob Romanko, AK4BR
 - Earlysville Fire Department site confirmed.
 - Same committee arranging Field Day as last year.
 - Volunteers encouraged to assist committee.
 - Shirts to be available mid-April.
 - h. Estate Committee - Ed Berkowitz, N3US
 - Updating Swapfest website
 - i. Membership Committee - Ed Berkowitz, N3US
 - Approval of New Members:
 1. Jim Tocci, Associate
 2. Michael Brimacombe, Student, KQ4QDS
 3. Kip Chatterson, K5KIP
 4. Lawrence (Larry) Broach, KQ4QKG
 5. Dave Johnson, KM6SWL
6. New Business: none
 7. Program - Mike Washvill from the Cold War Museum at Vint Hill formerly (the farm) - "The Ultimate in Receiving Antennas."
 - [The Elephant Cage AN/FLR-9 Antenna - Mike Washvill \(youtube.com\)](#)
 8. Close of Business: Adjourned 8:30pm

Special thank you to Nate Pedersen, N4PED, for capturing this month's meeting minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya Pedersen, KQ4EUR

Secretary

Attendees (34):

In Person (16):

1. Bob Pattison, K4DU
2. Nate Pedersen, N4PED
3. Ken Walker, KO4OM
4. Larry Broach, KQ4QKG
5. Len Soika, KQ4BBR
6. Ian Callahan, KN4TBG
7. Mike Washvill (guest speaker)
8. AJ Miller, KE4AJM
9. Joe Devinentis, K08V
10. Jim Wilson, K4BAV
11. Mark Kocher, KB4CNQ
12. Stephen Kramer, KN4CJI
13. Dennis Terribile, WR4I
14. Jim Owen, K4CGY
15. VT Kruza, KD4DFA (guest)
16. John Porter, KK4JP

Online (18):

1. Bob Romanko, AK4BR
2. Ed Berkowitz, N3US
3. Dave Damon, K4DND
4. Joe Giovanelli, W2PVY
5. Mary Loose DeViney, KM4CWP
6. Ron Richey, K4RKA
7. Barbara Freeman, KN4LAH
8. Patrick Morrissay, KO4VLM
9. Michael Brimacombe, Student, KQ4QDS
10. Amelia Atwell (ALS Representative)
11. Christine (ALS Representative)
12. Warren Yursik, KN4LYF
13. Daniel Milner, KJ4YHE
14. Bill Pond, N0WP
15. Rich Freeman, KI4QKV
16. Brian Williams, K4BQF
17. Bill Oleksy, KF4IE
18. Leroy Caudill, KO4JMH