

Albemarle Amateur Radio Club

May 20, 2025

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order 7:00 pm, by President, Bob Romanko, AK4BR. Meeting held via Zoom

2. Roll call:

Officers

President - Bob Romanko, AK4BR	Present
Vice-President - Dennis Terribile, W44I	Not present
Secretary - Peter Francisco, K4KE	Present
Treasurer - Larry Eicher, K4JZQ	Present

Directors

Public Service – Dave Damon, K4DND	Present for later part of meeting
Estate Services – Rich Bradley, W4DZC	Not present
Technical – Bill Pond, N0WP	Present
Public Relations – Russ Sawyer, KN4LAU	Not present
Education – John Porter, KK4JP	Not present
Fundraising – AJ Miller, KE4AJM	Not present

Others present:

Ed Berkowitz N3US, Jim Owen K4CGY, and Ron Richey K4RKA for later part of meeting.

3. Treasurers Report – Larry Eicher, K4JZQ

- a. Current balance \$39,094.18.
- b. During this quarter, we split our single checking account into four accounts to take advantage of higher interest rates.
- c. Recommend that the Club consider additional expenditures to keep club funds under \$50,000.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Technical Committee – Bill Pond, N0WP – Debating the 440 Equipment – Have equipment to install the 440 MHz equipment for the repeater link but questioned whether it is worth the effort or not. Heard Mountain 760 Repeater – Tone feedback. Probably requires the first site visit in four years.

b. Public Service – Dave K4DND – Not present, but submitted written report, read aloud for all participating to hear.

c. Education Committee – John KK4JP. Not Present, no update.

d. Volunteer Exam Liaison – Hank Perritt, K9KDF, not present. Info passed offline:

Next VE sessions to be held at PVCC at 10:00 AM:

- o 6/14/25, 9/13/25, and 12/13/25

- o All sessions have been posted on the AARC and ARRL websites

- o Looking for volunteers for June 14th. 10 am at PVCC.

e. Fund Raising - A.J. Miller, KE4AJM – Not present. No report submitted.

f. Public Relations Committee – Russ Sawyer, KN4LAU, not present but provided report. Preps being made for Field Day. Media contacted, some confirmations.

Question on Zoom about T-Shirts – Bob AK4BR says we are not doing T-shirts this year. Whole meeting on Tuesday June 9th will be about the Field Day.

Question from Pete K4KE – Are we promoting Field Day and the VE Session on Social Media? There was discussion about the Club's private group versus having a Facebook Page. The question raised discussion, which will continue outside of the meeting.

f. Estate Committee – Rich Bradley, W4DZC – Slowly selling equipment from four estates. Received \$315 from sales.

5. Comments.

a. Bob AK4BR stated that it was intended to discuss the role of a Club Historian and what the duties of that would entail, including incorporating materials from Ron K4RKA, but the key participants for the topic were not able to join the Zoom call until late in the meeting. Topic to be considered in another meeting.

b. Pete K4KE socialized an idea of him starting a hyper-local radio club for the Town of Scottsville, where he has seen moderate interest in FRS, GMRS, and ham radio. He asked if anyone had any thoughts or history of doing something like this. Ed Berkowitz recommended Pete contact Ian Callahan KN4TBG who might have experience with a group like this.

6. Adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Pete Francisco, K4KE, Secretary