



Thursday, February 16, 2017

## Woodbridge Amateur Radio Club

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### Minutes of WARC General Meeting

- **Call to Order** – Called to order at 7:30pm
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Round of Introductions**
- **Call for New Member Applications** – Had two new member applications received (Michael Dessecker, Logan Dessecker).
- **Reminder 50/50 Tickets** - Jack (WD4KOF) – postponed to later in the meeting as Jack made it in late.
- **Technical Presentation** – The night’s tech presentation was provided by Gordon Miller (N4K) of the Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club (SPARC). The presentation was on the VA QSO Party, which will occur on March 25 and 26, 2017. Further information, including the slides presented, is available at <http://www.qsl.net/sterling/uf1.htm>
- **President's Report** - Jay (K2YUB)
  - Terry McCarty Status – Terry is home, and continues to progress. Several of the club members have visited Terry, but he would love to have more.
  - Conex for storage at repeater site – The club is seeking authorization from the Service Authority to place a conex container just outside the fence around the water tower where the repeater site is. A letter requesting such was mailed out the week of March 12<sup>th</sup>. If approved (which is expected as there has already been verbal communication, the club will need to begin looking at the steps to provide a firm foundation for the container, fencing for it, and seek to have the container purchased and shipped to the site. The container and part of the preparation is to be paid from the Tury fund.
  - Water tower to be painted – The club has received word that the Service Authority is looking to paint the water tower in the next 2-5 (maybe longer) years. This will require the club to remove the current antennas (and possibly the hardline) (which will require either licensed climbers, or trying to get a rider on the county’s climbing contract. It is the intent of the club to replace the antenna and mounting hardware and install the new equipment once the tower is painted. The expected cost is around \$10,000 (more if the hardline needs to be removed/replaced). The club will need to start looking to raise the fund now, to ensure they are available when needed.

The club will also need to start looking for an alternate repeater site for the timeframe that the water tower is unavailable. Stu (WA0DYJ) has already started this search.

- **Treasurer's Report** - Rob (KJ4LWN) – Contact Treasurer for information

- **Committee Reports**

- **Technical Committee / Repeater** - Stu (WA0DYJ) – No Report as Stu was not at the meeting.
- **Education Committee** - Rob (KJ4LWN) – Reported on the 2 new technician level operators from the Winter Field Day testing session, and that the General Class training session continue on each Wednesday evening at the Bethel United Methodist Church (with a current attendance of 6-7 students).
  - Elmering on 1st/3rd Saturdays at Bethel United Methodist Church near Minnieville&Smoketown intersection. Contact Mark KV4UC while Terry WA5NTI is recuperating.
- **Member Activities** - Kathy (KM4TAY) – Kathy reported on the progress being made at the Antietam Elementary School. There continues to be a huge interest at the school...as well as the school continues their preparation for a possible contact with the ISS.

John (N2DRL) is seeking any thoughts on how the interest gained at the elementary school can be move into the middle schools as the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders progress in school.

WWI Table will host a table at Winterfest (to be manned by Kathy (KM4TAY) and Mark (KV4UC).

Ray (AA4SI) – ARES – Ray requested, and was granted time during the meeting to address an extreme shortage of Prince William County ARES Assistant Emergency coordinators (PWCARES AECs) for the eastern side of the county. At current, Ray is the only one. If anyone is interested, please reach out to Ray or David Lane (KG4GIY).

- **BBHN Committee** – Still no response to the inquiry to have someone take on this action / no report.
- **Membership & Recruitment** – Dick Henson (KM4OQU) / No report
- **Ways and Means** - Claude (W4MLD)

CFC Status – Claude reported there have been a number of changes in the way the CFC Application Process is completed. It is a two-step process in which the club has to submit their initial application (and pay a \$340, non-refundable processing fee upfront (in the past, this fee was taken from funds received via CFC gifts). This application will be reviewed, and if accepted, the club will then need to provide / update their information page and pay an additional \$25 filing fee (this action will not occur until 1 April).

**\*MOTION\*** - A motion was made by Mark (KV4UC) that the club reimburse Claude the \$340 CFC application fee that he paid on behalf of the club via his personal credit card. The Motion was seconded by John (N2DRL). The motion was brought to a vote and passed unanimously. The treasurer was provided receipt of the bill paid, and a check was cut from the club's account.

Jay (K2YUB) is requesting that the CFC information be posted on reflector (Larry (K0LB)) & Facebook (Bob (KV4MJ)). The club's CFC code is 92154

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- **Fleet Watch** - Richard N4MZZ – Richard provided an update on the Fleet Watch Program, what it is, and what information is provided.
- **Other Committee Business?** None

- **New Business**

- Consideration of New and Reinstatement Members – Had a final check for any additional membership applications and then voted on two new members received at the beginning of the meeting. Both were accepted unanimously.
- **50/50 Drawing** - Jack WD4KOF (won by Peter (N6AIX)) - \$17 to both Peter and the club.
- **Date of Next WARC General Meeting**
  - March 16, 2017 @ 7:30 pm @ Tall Oaks Community Center
- **Motion to Adjourn** – Mark (KV4UC), seconded – Larry (K0LB)
- **Adjourn** at 8:58pm