



Thursday, April 18, 2019

Woodbridge Amateur Radio Club

Minutes for General Meeting

- **Call to Order** – 7:30pm
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Round of Introductions**
- **Call for New Member Applications**: 1 application received for Jerold Fort.
- **Technical Presentation**: What is a Quality Contest Radio, presented by Mark Reinhart (KV4UC)
- **Tech Talk**: AED recommendation/purchase, presented by Larry Bates (KOLB)
- **President's Report** – Butch Ayers K4UTK – No Report from the President
- **Treasurer's Report** – by Tom Fournier for Rob Williams KJ4LWN – Finances remain in good standing, and all bills have been paid. Treasurer's ledger reports were made available for review by any club member.
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Technical Committee / Repeater / Repeater site** - Stu Mitchell WA0DYJ: Repeater remains at Stu's place. The water tower project location is getting back underway with a meeting to be held next Wednesday to determine the schedule forward. As for the status of the Repeater Shack, we are still awaiting tranches to be dug for coax/power/and AC and to have the power ran to the Shack. It was reported that the yellow pole installed to protect the shack's steps as already been put to the test it was hit and had to be restraighten and touch-up painted. The shack and steps survived without a scratch.
 - **Field Day 2019** – Stu2 Mitchell W7IY/Paul Otto KG4LGI: The club as a three Field Day co-chairs for FD 2019 (Stu2 Mitchell W7IY, Rob Williams KJ4LWN, and Paul Otto KG4LGI). The club is taking a different approach to Field Day this year, with the institution of Team Leaders vs. Band Captains. The teams in include Phone, Digital, CW, Bonus Points, GOTA, Satellite, etc.. and will allow a more diverse use of manpower throughout the event (ie. Operators under one team will be able to coordinate and shift bands as appropriate, while still using the same team members vs. trying to get a full team for a single band). It is also thought this idea will help by pooling efforts to make setup, teardown. The following are teams still in need of a leader:
 - Food Tent: we need somebody to organize the food tent. This can be as simple as setting up a coffee pot or as complicated as organizing meals. Kathy KM4TAY is working with the Girl Scouts to see if they want to work a Service Project for a meal or two, more to come on that in the future.
 - Campus Transport: the 'mule' we used last year is not available this year, so we are in need of something equivalent to move the heavy equipment around the Field Day site (for example, a lawn tractor with a trailer capable of move an AB-577 mast unit).
 - VHF Station: we need somebody to setup a 2M/440 and/or 6M station. You would need to find some help, bring radios, antennas, masts, etc.. and setup/operate.

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- Phone Stations: Rob KJ4LWN is the team lead, but he needs some help!. We need to set up to more phone stations in the phone tent. 20M and 80/15/10M. These stations will use antennas on the single phone tower and be located in the team's green tent. Phone needs help with setup, tear-down, and operation.
- IT: Installing a Mesh Network has not worked too well it the past because it is complex and we have a configuration timing issue. In the past, we networked all of the computers, but all of the computers were owned by a single person who was able to configure the before Field Day and them issue them out to each position. With everyone providing their own machines, this process is no longer available, and any configuration/troubleshooting has to be done on site (a near full time process at the start of the event). We could use some help with setting up a LAN in the Phone Tent. We also have need of a couple of N1MM+ Experts to help solve problems at the beginning of the contest.
- Paul KG4LGI provided a run down on the Bonus Point positions and it appears they are all covered.
- Other team positions seem to have enough help, but could always use assistance. If you cannot volunteer for one of the above Leader positions, please consider reaching out to one of the team leaders and letting them know how you can help. It will take all of us to make this event work.
- Education Committee – by Scott Bogart KK4SNO for Rob KJ4LWN: Next Technician License Class will be held the evening of 7 June (7-10pm) and all-day 8 June (8am-5pm), with test to run from 5pm-7pm).
- Website – Larry Bates K0LB: The website continues to get updated as information is provided to Larry, with a few updates pending. Larry is still in search of any additional historical pictures/documents for upload. There is a document sizing issue, in that some of the recent presentations have been too large for upload even if converted to .pdf. Trying to find a good work around to ensure we are able to provide the information through this media.
- Member Activities - Kathy KM4TAY / Scott Bogart KK4SNO):
 - May 11, 1400Z-2030Z, K4RC, Jamestown, VA. Williamsburg Area Amateur Radio Club. 14.265/7.265. Celebrating the 412th anniversary of the oldest permanent English-speaking colony in North America.
 - Maker's Faire application was submitted and Kathy is going to follow-up with the group to see if the application automatically gets us in, or if there is a confirmation process.
 - Scott reminded the club that the 24-hour Run through Prince William Forest is 4-5 May, and Rob Williams KJ4LWN is looking for additional volunteers willing to provide some time in support of this event. Currently, the Start/Stop position and the Mid-point Aid position are manned with two persons each, but there is still a possible position at Parking Lot H or just additional manpower at the current locations.
- ARRL VHF Contest: The normal location on Flagpole Knob is not available this year as the Forest Services folks will be repairing the access road, and that work will not be completed in time for the contest. A new location is being sought. Currently, 11 have signed up for the trip to Mountain Top. The plan is to operate a single station across 3 bands. This trip is expected to be a very low-key one vs. previous years
- Membership & Recruitment – Dick Henson KM4OQU: Not Present / No Report
- Ways and Means - Claude W4MLD: Not Present / No Report

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- Fleet Watch - Richard N4MZZ: Not Present / No Report
- Other Committee Business: No additional Committee Business was brought before the club.

- **New Business**

- 50/50 Drawing: Winning Number 139 / Stu (WA0DYJ) / Total take was \$22, with a split of \$11 each to the winner and the Club.
- Consideration of New and Reinstatement Members – Club members voted on the acceptance of Jerold Fort as a voting member. He was accepted unanimously.
- Motion was raised by Mark KV4UC in reference to the purchasing of the AED for Club use (see below). Motion was seconded by Stu2 W7IY. The motion was called for vote and passed unanimously.

MOTION: It is recommended that the Club provided reimbursement of Larry Bates (K0LB) for the purchase an AED to be used with Club Events (ie.. Field Day/VHF Contest/etc...). The value of the reimbursement to be paid by Club will be determined by the remaining uncovered cost of a Defibtech Lifeline View AED (Re-certified) after donations are collected from club members and others who wish to contribute through the end of June 2019, but not to exceed \$645.00.

- **Date of Next WARC General Meeting**

- May 16, 2019 @ 7:30 pm @ Tall Oaks community center.
- **Motion to adjourn** – Motion was made by Scott KK4SNO, seconded by Roger KM4TAU. Approved at 8:46pm.