



Thursday, July 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: Received applications for the following persons from Rob Williams (KJ4LWN): Mark Fearer, Tony Baker, Gary Westling, Randal Lewis, and Aron Havquitz
- Technical Presentation: National Parks on the Air (NPOTA), presented by Steve Halleman – KM4KWZ
- President's Report – Butch K4UTK
 - Butch requested everyone look engage HAMs that we, who are not part of the Woodbridge Wireless Club, and trying to bring them into the club.
 - Berryville Hamfest: The table at the Hamfest has been paid for, but we need persons available to man the table. We also need equipment to sell at the table to help generate interest.
 - Winter Field Day 2020: The club has a contract with LRPRA to use the Tall Oaks Community Center for Winter Field Day. We have the building from 8am-6pm on 25 Jan 2020. Request has been sent to the Treasurer for a check to be cut for payment of this contract. More details to come in the future.
- Treasurer's Report – by Tom Fournier Jr (W4PIO) for Rob KJ4LWN – No real Treasurer's Report was presented. Rob Williams (KJ4LWN) provided the Club Leadership with the latest bank statement and balance sheet.
- Committee Reports
 - Technical Committee / Repeater - Repeater site: Larry Bates K0LB: Larry stated that the new 2M Repeater remains at Stu's place, but is currently off as the older 2M Repeater equipment has been installed at the shack near the water tower. The plan is to move the new 2M Repeater equipment into the shack once all of the temporary structures have been removed from the work site, and we are able to fully deploy all of our equipment (per the request of the County). The 450MHz machine will remain on the hotel until the temporary towers of AT&T and Verizon have been removed. The 220MHz machine was online for a day or so, but was having problems and has been taken offline for repairs. The currently estimated timeframe for the full usage of the Repeater Shack is around End of Month, September. Once the repeater shack is available, there are plans to install the 2M, 220Mhz, 450MHz repeaters, APRS, and a Weather Receiver; and to reengage the Remote Access. With the 2M Repeater functioning out of the Repeater Shack, it was determined the A/C unit needed to be replaced and this new unit has been purchased/installed. Currently, the club has not received any bills associated with the removal/installation of the antennas, or other cost related to the requirement movements for the Water Tower painting. We are not expecting any, but we could get a surprise.
 - Field Day 2019 - Ray Hutt AA4SI: The Field Day was a great success, thanks to everyone's support. We had some of the best weather is a number of years. We are currently projected to have scored 18,252, which is expected to keep us in the National Top Ten, and possibly Top Five. The

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Digital Stations were able to double the points from last years. There was minimal interference across the Bands/Modes and everyone seemed to be able to work well in the environment. The food was great, and a Thank You letter is to be sent out to the groups who supported this event. A big THANK YOU to the folks who towed the trailers to the site, as well as the use of the garden wagon (since the Gator/Mule was not available this year). One point of issue was the battery for the Club Generator had to be replaced as it was found dead when attempts to start the generator were made.

- Education Committee - Rob KJ4LWN (covered by Tom Fournier W4PIO): The Technician Class held in Early June was very successful, resulting in 9 new Technician Class and 1 new General Class operators.
- Website – Larry Bates K0LB: No recent updates. Still awaiting recent meeting minutes, and is in search of Field Day photos (or any other club related photos) to add to the website.
- Member Activities - Kathy KM4TAY: Not Present / No Report.
- Fourth of July Parade – Rob Williams KJ4LWN: Parade Committee was pleas with the overall coverage the Radio Operators were able to provide. There were some technical difficulties at Net Control, but these were able to be worked around.
- Membership & Recruitment – Dick Henson KM4OQU: Present, but No Report
- Ways and Means - Claude W4MLD: Present, but No Report
- Fleet Watch - Richard N4MZZ: Not Present / No Report
- Other Committee Business?
 - Reminder of the upcoming VHF Contest on Sept 14-15th. There is a small group going up to Mountaintop. The plan is to arrive on site Sept 11th, and leave the site on Sept 16th. There will be operations on 6M/2M/70cm. The group does not plan to take the Club's generator, but instead will run off a few smaller generators and batteries.
 - AED Reimbursement (Larry Bates – K0LB): Larry is still taking collections toward the AED he purchased for use on the Mountain Top, Field Day, and other Club events. He has currently been reimbursed about 60%. The club did vote, at a previous meeting, to help make up the difference of the cost once the donations have stopped coming in.
- New Business
 - 50/50 Drawing: Winning number was 167, held by George Waltsak. Split was \$19 to the winner, \$19 to the club.
 - Consideration of New and Reinstatement Members – Club members voted on the acceptance of Mark Fearer, Tony Baker, Gary Westling, Randal Lewis, and Aron Havquitz as Members. They were all accepted unanimously.
 - Mark Rinehart (KV4UC) recommended everyone who purchases via Amazon use smile.amazon.com and putting Woodbridge Wireless as their charity of choice. This will provide a small donation each purchase
 - The Meeting after the Meeting Place is the Pizza Place in Tackett's Mill.

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- Date of Next WARC General Meeting

- August 15, 2019 @ 7:30 pm @ Tall Oaks community center.

- Closing

- Motion to adjourn made by Larry (K0LB), seconded by Mark (KV4UC). Meeting closed at 8:41pm
- 21 persons were in attendance