

Membership Meeting Minutes **January 6, 2022**

Officers present: Eric, W3EAB, President; Jeff, KC3OQP, Vice President; Phil, NO3N, Secretary; Will KA3UQQ, Director; Bill, NX2II, Director

There was a quorum of officers and members present to conduct business.

Eric called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM

Membership: Huey, AB3GS presented applications for membership for the following persons: Carol Purdey, KC3TFD, Technician, Washington, D.C; Stephen Leazer, KN6RW, General, Twentynine Palms, CA; Gary Woods, KC3TFG, Technician, West Friendship, MD; Sam Cabbage, K4DKC, Extra, Derwood, MD; John Trageser, KC3SRW, General, Odenton, MD.

Carol and Stephen were in attendance and introduced themselves. Huey called for a motion to accept into membership, received and seconded and the candidates were elected to club membership.

Training: Keith, AE3D, related that there was a demand for another Morse Code class. Due to time constraints, Jim N3ADF, will be heading the class. It is best to have four or so people teaching the class. Volunteers needed to assist with the class.

Rol Anders class was mentioned for members wishing to advance to Extra. Keith is also developing an Amateur Extra class consisting of about 11 sessions on Monday evenings starting in July. Course will be on Zoom and recorded in the event a person misses a session.

Annual Goals: Eric presented the goals for the year: installing Yaesu repeaters, installing an A/V plan, workshop modifications, crankup tower installation and communication plans. New is a proposal for the club to collect ARRL dues, Lindbergh flight special station, an AARC desk reference, participation in the ARRL service hour recognition program (sharing with AARL).

Lindbergh Commemoration: Bill was given the floor to discuss plans for a Lindbergh commemoration with special emphasis for the centennial, providing dates, running a special event station, and commemorative certificates. A suggestion was by Dave to possibly pair other amateurs. Neither suggested partnering with amateurs in France to participate.

Public Service Events: Jeff presented information about public service events to be held this year. He is coordinating it with the Mobileers (as a member and chairman with both clubs). Events tentatively include all those from prior years.

Repeaters - Will updated the membership on the repeaters, with the hope that we could put antennas on the towers at the Police Academy across the road. Perhaps a DSTAR repeater could be added to the long range plan. He also outlined some plans for the future including a WIRES-X reflector.

Nets: Bill noted he needed net operators, particularly for Wednesday and Friday Holly Nets and as a moderator for the All Things Digital Net..

Miscellaneous: Phil had sent out a discussion point memo regarding the website. There was a discussion on membership renewals using the website. The recommended renewal is to print the form and send the payment via mail. Paypal retains a fee where a renewing member can add the Paypal fee.

Echolink: Dave, K3HRT, is proposing that we open Echolink to all US hams, not just AARC members. He noted that there is still an exclusion list in the event that someone becomes abusive on the net.

Security: Ed, KB3WMU, gave a brief update on the security upgrade.

DFRC: Milford, N3WYG, related he had an earlier meeting with the DFRC. Details about the pavilion proposal were requested by DFRC. Eric noted we were still in the planning stage before making a formal proposal to DFRC.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06.

Note: COVID airline cancellations prevented Abie, AB1F, Treasurer from attending. Due to COVID infections regionally the meeting was conducted solely by Zoom.