

## **Presentation Meeting Minutes January 20, 2022**

**Officers present:** Eric, W3EAB, President; Jeff, KC3OQP, Vice President; Phil, NO3N, Secretary; Will KA3UQQ, Director; Bill, NX2II, Director; Bernie, NK3PS, Director

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

Eric called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM

**Membership:** Huey, AB3GS presented applications for membership for the following persons: Erich Keyes, N3JGH, General, Annapolis, MD; Casey Ingram, KC3TYI, Technician, Denton, MD; Nathaniel Edwards, KC3SCW, General, Ft George G Meade, MD. Motion made and seconded to accept and the prospects were elected into membership.

Erich was present at the meeting and introduced himself.

**Training:** Keith, AE3D reported on the coming Technician class at the end of February. General class is coming for the spring, Extra after July 4. Presently have several people wishing Morse Code instruction, and need members to serve as trainers. Keith wants members to be experts for a short presentation for the Extra class that can handle a topic for 3-5 minutes.

**Dues:** Huey gave an update as to members who have paid dues for the year. After February members who have not paid dues will lose privileges.

**Committees:** Chuck will hold a Rules Committee meeting. Bernie will not hold an ANtenna committee meeting until February.

**Kit Building and Open Shack:** Jeff noted these groups will meet on the 23rd. Will will be available to help with digital setups as well as the status on the D-Star and Fusion hot spots.

**Maryland QSO Party:** Keith noted that PVRC won the plaque for the event. The presentation will be presented when in-house meetings can continue (COVID restrictions lifted).

**Winter Field Day** will be individual as there is no person coordinating the event.

**Testing:** Bill noted the next session is February 12. VEs needed to assist.

**Presentation:** Jeff, KC3OQP, gave a presentation on public service events. We provide communication support and ARES uses the events for training. There are things for volunteers to consider, i.e. food, radios set to frequencies, extra batteries, chairs, coats if needed, etc.. First event is on March 27 followed by an event on April 3. Keith displayed maps of prior events to illustrate how we are deployed during an event. Eric noted that Jeff is coordinating Public Service Events with the Maryland Mobileers.

**Security:** Ed, WB3YMU, reported on the current status of installing the security system as the Shack. Some people who will have access can use Android phones to access; some I-Phones may have the capabilities to access the security system. Cards will be provided to authorized people who do not have phones able to access the Shack.

**Miscellaneous** Keith requested attendees at the Public Service Events take photos so they can be posted to the website.

Tim, KB3YQK, noted that the club has a Flickr account and could be used for use (*Note: review shows the Flickr account is inactive with few accesses*) Tim and Ed will investigate the Flickr account ownership.

Will is going to present info about the hotspots at the first meeting. Marty Pittinger will be discussing the amateur radio parity.

Jeff reminded Echolink users to allow for time for the repeaters to reset before transmitting, approximately 3 seconds is a suggestion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46.

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