

Business Meeting Minutes February 3, 2022

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

There was a quorum of officers and members present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 PM

Membership: There were no application for membership to be acted upon.

Eric noted that there were still people who needed to renew and due by the end of the month.

Service Events: Jeff reported on the upcoming B&A Trail Marathon with the Striders (March 27). He is including new volunteers with experienced volunteers. Keith, AE3D, is shadowing Jeff on the event. Jeff reviewed some early assignments. The week following is the Cherry Pit Marathon (April 3).

Open Shack: 12-4 PM. Check out sales shelves for equipment.

Presentation: Will provided information regarding the hot spots purchased. Three exist at the clubhouse, the D-Star and Fusion are active. DMR is currently unavailable but should be in the next few weeks. Instructions on use will be posted in the clubhouse. He noted the Fusion has good range. Fusion is currently attached to America Link. He provided how-to information on connecting to the Fusion. The D-Star hot spot is not simple and requires an offset of 0 MHz. Attached to the mid-Atlantic network. Testing has been conducted with the club's D-Star and Fusion radios. Registration is required for D-Star. The DMR setup was discussed and it is also simplex. You need Parrot and Disconnect talkgroups to use DMR. Will has arranged for Bridgecom to provide a \$30 discount on your second purchase provided the first is at least \$200 (new purchasers only), information from Will. Will is planning to be present at the second Open Shack of the month and Kit Building workshop. DMR and D-Star registrations require a copy of your original license. Note: these are UHF because of chip shortages as a result of COVID infections affecting the supply chain.

Keith will determine if this can be incorporated into the classes.

Training: Keith noted he was putting together a Morse Code class. The Technician class has 5-6 people beginning on February 26 in the afternoon. Classes will be by Zoom with the recordings made available for people who miss a class. Extra classes will begin on Monday nights after July 4 through last Monday in September, times to be announced. While Technician and General classes end the week before the texts, the Extra will have an extra week for study before the test. Dick Maio, WW3R is being approached to hold his radio repair class at the clubhouse as he currently has a 3 person limit at the Electronics Museum. Cost and information to follow. General Class starts April 23. General class will not meet on the Memorial Day weekend.

Keith wants members to provide short topics for the Extra class to be taped and presented with the session. He hopes to apply this to other classes as well.

Keith is using ARRL and Gordon West for the classes, which will also involve ARES and RACES.

Testing: Testing on the 12th.

Silent Key: Chuck, K3ACT, reported that Bob Rose's wife had become a Silent Key.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Note: COVID airline cancellations prevented Abie, AB1F, Treasurer from attending. Due to COVID infections regionally the meeting was conducted solely by Zoom. Mask mandates remained in effect for county buildings although lifted elsewhere.