

Presentation Meeting Minutes
February 17, 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 to conduct business.

Eric called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM

Membership: Huey, AB3GS presented applications for membership for the following persons: John Roche, KC3TMH, Technician, St Michaels, MD; Vincent Pugliese, KC3TMG, Technician, Bowie, MD. Motion was made and accepted to vote these persons as members, passed unanimously.

Presentation: MDC Section Manager Marty Pittinger, KB3MXM provided information on Maryland HB 331 on reasonable accommodation for amateur radio antennas.

Specifically, the federal legislation for amateur radio operators to have antennas has only been accepted by some states and Maryland has not worked to enact any accommodations for amateur operators applicable to the state, county and municipalities. Last year (2021), the bill did not get a vote scheduled in the Senate.

Marty recommended that members write the committees of the House of Delegates and state Senate to promote the bill. In addition, he recommended that members be registered to provide written and oral testimony.

Other:

Eric, W3EAB, noted the club was working with the DFRC on a proposal for a solar pavilion in honor of Bob Bruninga, WB4APR.

Jeff, KC3OQP, noted he would like more help for the B&A Marathon as well as upcoming events. He also noted that there would be Open Shack and he would open up early on Sunday. (Marty is scheduled to be present on Sunday at the mic as part of the VOA anniversary QSO; the VOA Shack being closed due to COVID).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Note: COVID airline cancellations prevented Abie, AB1F, Treasurer from attending. Due to meeting restrictions in county owned buildings the meeting was conducted solely by Zoom.