

Business Meeting Minutes
JUNE 2, 2022

Officers present: Eric, W3EAB, President; Jeff, KC3OQP, Vice President; Phil, NO3N, Secretary; Bill, N3RY, Director; Will, KA3UQQ, Director

There was a quorum of officers and members present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM.

Membership: Huey, AB3GS, presented the following applicants for membership: John Balano, KC3UEW, General, Chesapeake Beach, MD; Dean Batchelor, N8LWP, General, Dunkirk, MD. John was present and introduced himself.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved electing the applicants into membership.

Reports:

Training: Keith, AE3D, is looking for Extra Operators to provide a small recorded presentation for the upcoming class.

Nets: David, K3HRT, reported issues on the Wednesday night net. Chuck, K3ACT, noted he had feedback from his laptop that accidentally caused the interference.

Rules Committee: Chuck, K3ACT, deferred to Keith, AE3D, who reported on the Rules Committee recommendation to treat the chapters of the Potomac Valley Radio Club and similar clubs as individual entries. Last year the PVRC chapters won the award as one unit, but the BARC would have won if the field was level. Otherwise, PVRC would win each year. The Board took a vote and unanimously adopted the recommendation from the Rules Committee.

Maryland-DC QSO Party: Chuck noted that participation by the members is essential for the success in the future.

Field Day: Keith noted assistance is needed the Friday before to begin erecting the antennas. There is only a half hour of daylight on Thursday from the earliest setup time (8 pm). It was noted that the AA County EOC will be open for the daytime demonstrations.

Presentations: Eric provided information regarding the first ARRL Digital Contest to be held on June 4-5. We will be focusing on the 10 and 6 meter bands in order to involve the Technicians in the club. RTTY and automatic connections are excluded from the contest.

The software is WJST. The software and user guide is downloadable.

It was noted that some of the laptops in the Shack needed to have the software upgraded before the contest. Jeff, KC3OQP, will be configuring the upgrades on Saturday afternoon. The rules will be posted at the clubhouse. Scoring is based on distance from the center of a grid-to-grid connection. This is essential as the contestant may not be in the AARC grid square.

Brian, K3HMX, and Chuck will be at the clubhouse on Saturday to guide members (note: there will be a Field Day meeting on Saturday at 1 pm). Eric will be opening the clubhouse on Saturday: Jeff on Sunday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Note: the order of reports has been standardized.