

06/12/25 Board Meeting Minutes

President David Rawley N3AT called the Board Meeting to order at 7:32pm.

Board member Chales Gross KC3JQW presented a motion, seconded by David Earnest, to have the AARC Bylaws amended to add verbiage such that while a member is under investigation for possible termination from the club, that the member not be allowed on the premises. It was agreed that a member under investigation could not be banned from the clubhouse, but that he could be asked to respectfully refrain from entering at the clubhouse while under investigation. If a member under investigation persists in coming to the clubhouse, especially with malicious intent, it was agreed that the best course of action would be to record the incident via cell phone and then convene an emergency board meeting to address the incident. A vote on the motion was held by the board, but the motion did not obtain a majority vote.

Treasurer Colleen White KC3WYO called in and was not present at the meeting, due to a family member (brother) passing. The board expressed our condolences to Colleen.

Secretary David Grimes K3HRT, as the W3VPR Net Coordinator, stated that the AARC nets were doing well and that Jim Wallace N3ADF has rejoined as a Net Controller for the Holly Net after a prolonged absence due illness and treatment. As Secretary, David requested that the board act on accepting the May Board Minutes into the official record, which was voted on unanimously. David also requested and received approval to purchase, at his own expense, updated QSL cards for the club.

Vice President, Will KA3UQQ stated that he is purchasing the parts for the satellite installation. As the Repeater Operations lead, he reported a glitch with the 147.075 repeater courtesy tone, which Tom Provenza N3LHD corrected. Will asked about Field Day plans and the President responded that we would be operating inside the clubhouse only and that food, notification and registration efforts were underway. Only four members have committed to participation in the event. A limited number of hours is envisioned, such as 10am to 6pm, with the President acting as lead for the event. It was agreed that the event would be a combination of Field Day and Open House. Consideration was given to operating the stations with battery power or our emergency generator during the event.

Board Member Dave Earnest W3RDE, as our Audio/ Video engineer, stated that we were still waiting on a quorum to vote on the second camera and associated parts. Dave made a request that the presentation topics for membership meetings be scheduled in advance to allow promotion via club email and our Net Controllers. Dave also commented that there should be more meat on the bone for membership meetings to sustain attendance.

Board Member Charles Gross KC3JQW, as Facilities Manager reported that the clubhouse would be cleaned in preparation for the monthly VE licensing event this weekend, but that his team was short-handed. The President volunteered to assist with the cleaning. Charles also reported that while he had received the ID badge printer from Jeff Coomes KC3OQP, but that Jeff had not returned the laptop, software and dongle needed to manage the card printing. The President agreed to follow-up with Jeff for the return of the missing items.

Non-board member Bill Ryan N3RY, made a request to the board that the a A/V engineer make a recording of the VE Team briefing given as part of license testing to standardize and optimize the briefing. Dave Earnest agreed to the request and it was approved by the board. As Trustee, Bill reported that there were no incidents of consequence on the nets.

Non-board member Ed Santilli KB3YMU as Information Officer reported that he could cut back on the equipment purchases for the Wi-Fi network, if Field Day going forward would not be utilizing the outdoor field. He also reported that the DFRC was funding a security camera for the entrance gate. Ed is also awaiting a quorum membership vote on Wi-Fi equipment purchases.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.