

Board Meeting Minutes August 23, 2022

Officers present: Eric, W3EAB, President; Jeff, KC3OQP, Vice President; Phil, NO3N, Secretary; Rick, AB3XJ, Treasurer; Will, KA3UQQ, Director; Bill, N3RY, Director; Bernie, NK3PS, Director

The meeting began at 6:36 pm.

All Directors, except Bernie, were present at the start of the meeting.

A special meeting of the Board in Executive Session was called at the request of Bill in regards to the disposition of the resignation from membership by Jim Wallace, N3ADF, and his subsequent indications he was seeking to continue as a member. The Board conducted substantial discussion as the resignation from activities had impacted the MDC QSO Party planning and the net control scheduling of the Holly Net. A motion was made by Rick, seconded by Bill and adopted unanimously to wit:

Resolved, The Board of Directors of the Anne Arundel Radio Club accepts the membership resignation of Jim Wallace.

Bernie joined the meeting shortly after the adoption of the above resolution.

The Board then considered actions when people resigning membership in the Club could reapply for membership. Rick made the initial proposal regarding reapplication and there were amendments. Eric moved to establish a procedure for reapplying for membership, seconded by Will. After final discussion of the fine points the Board developed and adopted the following policy unanimously:

Resolved, former members who resign their membership in the Anne Arundel Radio Club shall be able to reapply for membership in the Club after the last day of March of the year following their separation from the Club;

Further Resolved, there shall be no refunds or prorated adjustment of membership dues for the balance of the fiscal year;

Further Resolved, after a membership has been terminated, such a person shall not be able to exercise the benefits of membership except as a visitor to the Club unless accompanied by a current member until voted back by the Club at a regular membership meeting..

The Board addressed the separate issue of how former members who had let their dues lapse should be readmitted and felt these former members could reapply at any time, without prejudice. There was also a debate if members who had been expelled should be allowed to rejoin at a future date. The Board decided to refer these issues to the Rules Committee.

The Board was unable to resolve issues as to what constitutes the benefits of membership and has referred this matter to the Rules Committee. These benefits include and are not limited to: participation as a net controller as such would imply the use of the Club call sign requiring the authorization from the Trustee; equipment sales at member activities; holding elected office or committee chairmanships/memberships and participating in social events.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Submitted:

Phillip L. Nelson, NO3N, Secretary

By copy of these minutes, the chairman of the Rules Committee is informed of the actions of the Board and a referral to resolve open issues..