

Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2023

Present: Bill, N3RY, President; Will, KA3UQQ, Vice President; Phil, NO3N, Secretary; Greg, KC3SEG, Director; Gaylord, KC3SMP, Director

There was a quorum of officers present. However due to Zoom issues affecting central Maryland access, there was not a quorum of members to conduct a meeting. Additionally, membership applicant Doug White was present and introduced himself during the meeting.

There were discussions regarding reactivation of the USNA amateur station, meeting presentations and Field Day.

Naval Academy Station. This was a recap of what was presented at the Board meeting. The Academy is reactivating the amateur station in the Satellite Building. The engineering students in a prior year built a satellite repeater currently on the ISS. There are plans to license approximately 40 students with the local AARC and Mobileers VEs helping to register, monitor and grade exams at the Academy.

Presentations. Will noted he was not receiving responses to requests for presentations. At present there is a tentative proposal for a presentation on Parks On The Air (POTA) either from the coordinator or from Greg. It was suggested to invite the new MDC Section Manager to brief us on activities in the Section, as well as a presentation on ARES in the fall.

Field Day. There was a discussion of Field Day. Bill noted we needed a coordinator. Will addressed several continuing commitments for food, generator testing, safety, and antennas. There was concern about the fact we may not have any qualified individuals for the antenna launchers. Gaylord will check the generators in April. We will be using radios in our inventory. Item to appoint a coordinator/chairman was de facto tabled.

Note: several members had trouble logging into the system due to the Zoom problems. There were reported delays for those who did log in as well as issues with connections.