

Business Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2023

Officers present: Bill, N3RY, President; Will, KC3UQQ, Vice President; Phil, NO3N, Secretary; Kevin, KC3SGL, Treasurer; Gaylord, KC3SMP, Director

There was a quorum of officers and members to conduct the meeting.

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

Membership: Bill presented the following prospects for membership: Joe Kunkle, KQ4GCC, Technician, and wife Brandie, Hanover, MD; Nikos Neely, KC3VCN, Technician, Silver Spring, MD. It was moved and seconded to accept the new members and the motion approved unanimously.

Due to storms, the Zoom connection with Bill was cut and Will assumed the chair.

Reports: Eric reported that Sam had put in vents for the repeater room. There was a discussion about the county replacing the HVAC system. The possibility of using the current vents was addressed but these are currently cut off. It was noted an air conditioner would be needed for the DMR repeater.

We've begun putting the workbenches in the sheds and acquired additional shelving.

Gaylord mentioned the post hole digger purchase. He discussed the cost as well as an upcoming sale. The price would be about \$199 plus the warranty. This was compared to the rental cost for both one-man and two-man units. Eric suggested a \$40 rental if we loaned it to the members to cover amortization and the purchase of new augers.

Bill was able to rejoin the meeting at this point.

Jeff noted that the Field Day coordinator needed people to help. Phil was asked to give a background on what Sam would be needing. Phil was asked to send out a meeting invite. There was a question regarding when to set up the meetings. Jeff will get in touch with Sam to set up a date for the meeting.

Bill noted the upcoming test sessions at the shack as well as the US Naval Academy.

Nikos volunteered to assist with the Field Day food, product-specific.

Eric reported on new equipment that had been received from a silent key and potential other radios that were expected. Station 4 in the Shack will be used for equipment for sale.

Will noted that the equipment in the Shack allows members to use the digital hotspots for Fusion, DSTAR and DMR. He noted that the Digital modes can allow a person to connect worldwide.

Will also reported on Kenwood's plans for new equipment.

Jeff reported on the Schindler event. He needs help for the 6 hour event. He wants 3 shifts. There is also the Odenton hamfest by the Mobileers.

New Business: Eric moved to expend up to \$1000 to purchase a third rocket launcher. Motion seconded and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.