

AARC Agenda and Minutes – Business Meeting – December 5, 2019:
Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Keith Miller
Meeting Minutes – Keith Miller
Introduction - Everyone

A quorum was present and certified by Chuck (K3ACT).

President's Remarks – Keith Miller AE3D

Membership: I can report we now have 246 members. Currently 74 of those will be members through the end of 2020. Of the 74, 20 had free memberships in 2019. We still have one more test session prior to the Holiday party, so we may have more members to vote in at the Holiday Party as it qualifies as a Membership Meeting.

Elections: The first order of business will be the election of officers and directors for the 2020 calendar year. Because I am on the slate of candidates running for office, I would at this time like to relinquish the chair, in favor of our outgoing Nominating Committee Chairman, Chuck Tanner (K3ACT)

Election Process: Chuck Tanner (K3ACT) will explain the election process, then announce the slate of candidates as follows. The slate as approved by the membership on November 7, consists of the following nominated individuals: For President, Keith Miller (AE3D), for Vice President, Jim Wallace (N3ADF), for Secretary Bernarr Coletta (NK3PS), for Treasurer, William Mulzera-Mooney (KA3UQQ), and for director Eric Berman (KC3GDV), Doug Ellmore (NA1DX) and Scott DeMatteo (W3GTR).

Due to the fact that there is only one candidate on the Ballot for each slot to be filled, it is appropriate that Chuck Tanner (K3ACT) make the following Motion.

Motion to close nominations from the floor

Maker: Steve

Second: Tim

Vote: Unanimous

No additional names were offered, so the motion to elect officers was accomplished by acclimation. No objections were noted.

Chuck Tanner (K3ACT) announced the winners, and relinquished the chair back to the President.

Ham Shack Antenna Committee: This group has met 3 times and has made substantial progress. The fourth meeting will be one hour immediately prior to the January 9th Board Meeting. He reported on the pedestal and future antenna and tower plans for this area.

The Holly Net: This will forever be looking for Net Controllers. To volunteer, see Jim Wallace N3ADF. 8 members have served as net controllers for a total of 480 hours volunteer. There were 185 unique call signs over time.

Winter Field Day: January 25th is fast approaching. We plan to have the Ham Shack operational to some extent in order for the AARC to enter this event. What we don't have is a Winter Field Day Team Leader to be in charge of this event. We are 51 days from the event. By the time we meet again we will be 23 days from the event, barely enough time to make plans and execute them. So if we are going to participate I need a volunteer to come forward at this meeting, right now, and agree to take the position. At the latest we must have someone in place by the Holiday Party, in 10 days.

I have to ask myself, if nobody cares enough about Winter Field Day to agree to be the event team leader, do we really want to participate at all. I think that answer is "yes". So don't prove me wrong, talk among yourselves and somebody, anybody, please step forward and take charge. Anyone in this room can do it. Step up.

Video Committee: Ed Santilli (KB3MYU) has put together some great video of Jack Estevez' (KB3WUM) presentation on the honey bee. It can be accessed from our web site. I mention this not only because it's good, but because Ed is now head of our Video Committee, who's job it will be to create instructional videos for use of all the ham shack equipment.

Once completed we will put this online both here and via the web site so any member planning to operate the Ham Shack can learn how in the quickest easiest way possible.

Obviously making instructional videos will take script writers, instructors, camera people, sound recording and a host of other skills. To be a part of this effort, see Ed Santilli (KB3MYU). Uncle Ed needs you!

Holiday Party: Team Leader Eric Berman KC3GDV is looking for volunteers to help with setup, tear down and hall cleanup the next day. He is also trying to coordinate side dishes, and deserts. If you can spare the time on party day December 15th, he would greatly appreciate your help.

Public Service: The Cold Turkey 10K race was held on November 24th. Mike Montrose (KA2JAI) was the coordinator, while 21 volunteers were required. The event was a great success. But you should know that of those 21 volunteers only 16 were active members of the AARC.

The time was when all 21 would have been AARC members. But membership participation has been falling off, especially since Les Silva (KH6CUJ) is no longer in charge, and in our face every meeting telling us how many hams are still needed. The other 5 volunteers consist of two Mobileers,, N3SEO and their Treasurer WB3IGW. The third is KU3HN from Annapolis, and the last two are inactive members of the AARC,

N3HKJ and KC3COD. KC3COD took one of our license courses, passed his exams, lives on the Eastern Shore and, is President of EARS, the Easton Amateur Radio Society. He only participated in Cold Turkey because he was able to pair the event with an AARC tower climb while on this side of the bay that afternoon. Bennett is a certified tower climber.

The bottom line is that we have dropped from providing 100% of the volunteers, to 75%. That's not a good sign. Especially since the AARC received 100% of the yearly donation from the Annapolis Striders who hold the majority of the events we provide communication for.

I also want everyone to be aware that if the AARC were to stop participating in such events, we would lose our Special Service Club status with the ARRL.

I have several ideas to up our participation, and will be discussing them with the new Board at length at our first meeting. Hopefully we can get Public Service back on track, and loaded with AARC Member volunteers.

Next event will be the B&A Trail marathon in March 2020.

Locked Out: Over the last 6 weeks, the Davidsonville Dance Club reports the front gate has been locked while there were still cars in the parking lot. In at least one case, people who paid to attend a dance lesson were locked out and unable to attend. And I thought everyone had cell phones? Silly me. Now there is no proof that anyone from our club was actually involved, but there is also no proof that we weren't, and our building does get the most visitors of any in the DFRC compound. So I promised to mention it to our members. Consider it mentioned.

I realize many of you don't have the gate combination, and couldn't have locked the gate if you wanted to. I also know everyone with the gate combination knows to look for cars in the parking lot before locking the gate. So this is just a friendly reminder, in case somebody forgot..

FYI: At some point I will remind our DFRC friends that driving up the hill to look for cars before locking the gate is also a good idea.

Not Locked Out: At our last meeting Tim Nagel (KB3YQK) door card stopped working. But he managed to get in anyway, because the rear door had been left unlocked. Please be aware we have a new lock assembly on that door, the one in the northwest corner, so unlike the past few years, it works now. You can go out it if there is a fire. But since it now opens, we need to be sure it's locked before leaving, especially recently opened.

Business Meeting: Yes this is the last regular Business Meeting of the year. This means committee reports as follows:

Bernarr Coletta NK3PS

Repeater/Tower Team Leader – John Williams K8JW

Packet Team Leader – John Graefe AE3JG - The repeater for this was turned off and removed. No one had been using for 4 months. Since it was removed, no complaints have been made. It may be returned to use later if requested

Networking Officer – Ted Rudie KC3LMV (done)

Ham Shack Antenna Committee – Bernarr Coletta NK3PS (done)

Eric Berman – KC3GDV

Information Officer – Ed Santilli KB3YMU

Public Relations – Ed Santilli KB3YMU

Facilities – Eric Berman – KC3GDV

Holiday Party – Eric Berman (KC3GDV) 47 have signed up, need volunteers to help with set up and tear down at the party.

Safety Officer – John Bowes KB3YLY

DFRC Representative – Milford Craig N3WYG

Security Officer – Tom Provenza N3HDL

Larry Booth: - AA3AU

Fox Hunt – Vacant (done for year, no activity)

Public Service Events Team Leader – Erick Graves (WA3G)

Club Picnic - Jim Myrick W3JLM (present)

MDC QSO Party – Jim Wallace N3ADF (done for year)

ARES/RACES Representative – John Bowes KB3YLY

Station Manager – Vacant (we need one)

Winter Field Day Team Leader – Vacant (we need one)

Field Day Team Leader – Brian Mary (K3HMX)

William Mulzera-Mooney KA3UQQ

Trustee – Dick Maio WW3R - NTR

Beverage - Jim Myrick W3JLM - NTR

Registered Agent - Justin Leishman KC3BJT - NTR

Club Sale & Auction – Ike Lawton W3IKE - NTR

Steven Grimaud W3SWG

Rules – Chuck Tanner K3ACT - NTR

Listserv Officer – Doug Ellmore NA1DX - He runs the Listserv. He or Keith can help users to modify or remove their email from the service.

Service Hours – Jim Wallace N3ADF - Reported over 5000 hours by 60+ people. He added more details on the breakdown of how many earned what hour status.

Membership Secretary – Lambert Mattias (KK6WOW) - 246 total for the year. 60 plus renewed for 2020.

Webmaster – Mark Bova W2PAW - NTR

Newsletter – Milford Craig N3WYG - December issue was sent out.

Nominating Committee – John Bowes (KB3YLY) Ready for 2020

Tim Nagel KB3YQK

VE Team Leader – David Rawley (N3AT) - NTR

Wednesday Night Net – Jamison Phipps W3KNH - NTR

Holly Net – Jim Wallace N3ADF - Still need more net controllers for Holly Net

Training Director – Keith Miller AE3D - Next class starts last Sat in Feb 29, 2020

Kitbuilding – ‘Raven’ Wieland KB3MUV - No class in December

Presentation – Tim Nagel KB3YQK

HSMM-MESH Committee Chairman – Tim Nagel KB3YQK - Next meeting in January. Will work to get the antenna and repeater up on 2.4 and 5th GHz.

Joint 440 Committee – Tim Nagel KB3YQK

Presentation: The year in review.

50/50 Drawing: Winner: No drawing was held.

Adjournment: Keith Miller, President (AE3D)

End of Agenda

PRESENT

Keith Miller, AE3D, President

Tim Nagel, KB3YQK, Vice President

Steven Grimaud, W3SWG, Secretary

Will Mooney, KA3UQQ, Treasurer

Eric Berman, KC3GDV, Boardmember

ABSENT:

Larry Booth, AA3AU, Boardmember

Bernarr Coletta, NK3PS, Boardmember