

Agenda and Minutes for the AARC Board Meeting

September 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:33PM

Attending:

Keith Miller - president@w3vpr.org

Will Mooney - treasurer@w3vpr.org

Eric Berman - eric.board19@w3vpr.org

Larry Booth - larry.board19@w3vpr.org

Bernarr Coletta - bernie.board19@w3vpr.org

Absent:

Tim Nagel - vice.president@w3vpr.org

Steven Grimaud - secretary@w3vpr.org

A quorum of the Board was present.

Eagle Scout Presentations

Three Eagle Scout project proposals were presented to the Board.

- 1) Bryce Carey presented a proposal to clear the brush around Pedestal #1, the pedestal nearest the clubhouse, and to install an antenna baseplate. The project estimate was \$150.00.

Eric Berman made a motion to present the proposal to the membership, along with a request for up to \$200 for the baseplate and incidentals. The motion was seconded by Keith Miller. The motion was carried with 5 voting for, and 0 voting against.

- 2) Josh Haley presented a proposal to build a bench for the metal brake in the workshop. The project estimate was \$412.00 for materials.

Eric Berman made a motion to present the proposal to the membership, along with a request for up to \$450 for materials and incidentals. The motion was seconded by Larry Booth. The motion was carried with 5 voting for, and 0 voting against.

- 3) Nathan Honeseen to build a new concrete slab to accommodate a second propane tank. Two options were presented. One for a 3" slab, to be poured over a 3" gravel

bed. The second was to pour a 6" slab directly on the ground. The proposed dates of construction are 11/3/19 - 11/4/19 and 11/10/19. The project estimate was \$500.00.

Eric Berman made a motion to present the proposal to the membership, along with a request for up to \$500 for materials and incidentals. The motion was seconded by Keith Miller. The motion was carried with 5 voting for, and 0 voting against.

President's Remarks

Networking: I am working on creating a master logbook for Ham Radio Deluxe made from a variety of event logs from W3VPR. As best I can tell we have 4053 contacts made in recent years to display in it. Anyone with computer log files prior to 2015 is asked to email me copies.

Tower Repair: The rotor has been replaced on the North Tower. Saturday we will install a new antenna on it. Ike Lawton has found a source for a Crushcraft A3S antenna with the A743 kit for \$300. For those who don't know the Crushcraft A3S is a tri-band beam, newer, and seemingly superior to the Mosely CL-33 we were going to put up Saturday. The A743 kit adds a rotatable 40 meter dipole to this antenna. This kit is hard to come by, and Ike recommends we purchase it.

Keith Miller made a motion to present a proposal to the membership to purchase the antenna, along with a request for up to \$300 for the antenna and incidentals. The motion was seconded by Eric Berman. The motion was carried with 5 voting for, and 0 voting against.

Antenna Parts Disbursement: Eric Berman (KC3GDV) has arranged for an antenna materials giveaway this Saturday from 9:00am to 11:00am. There are some complete antennas available, plus a number of antenna parts and tower parts. It's a first come first served event for members only till 10:30am when it will be opened to non-member hams. The only condition for the giveaway is that all materials taken, must be used by the person taking them for amateur radio purposes. In other words, if its going to be sold for scrap metal prices, the AARC will do the selling.

Electronics Museum Swap Meet: The Electronics Museum in Linthicum will be holding a swap meet this winter. They have agreed to give us a table for the event.

Ham Shack Renovation: The Ham Shack tablework received it's front edge this week. We are still in progress of getting the logging software installed and operational. The eventual goal is to have all machines log to the server in the repeater room. We may opt to allow members to add personal log database files on our club server, so that when using their own call signs, there contacts can be logged so that we have a record of them. The operator will be able to copy log entries to a memory stick for transport home.

501(c)(3): Still no word on restoration of this status from the IRS.

Fox Hunt: The Fox Hunt has been postponed till next year. A date has not been set.

MD DC QSO Party: On the morning of September 10, I went to the post office in Davidsonville to retrieve any last minute entries. There were none. Processing of the entries received is already underway.

Club Clothing: Those who ordered club clothing may pay for it, by check or cash to the club treasurer Will Mooney, KA3UQQ. Clothing not yet picked up is available at the clubhouse when Will is present.

Holly Net: We still need more volunteer Net Controllers. We came up short this week when Jim Wallace had family issues, and Milford Craig got a new job the same week. We need help. We have less than a week's worth of volunteers.

Generator: We need to insure the club generator runs tonight as scheduled. FYI: The club is about to receive a donation of a generator from the same ham who owns the A3S beam mentioned earlier.

Rules Committee: The committee will meet in two weeks, and at that time may wish to begin addressing the Maryland DC QSO Party Rules for 2020 among other items.

Technician Class: We start October 5, 2019 at 8:30am. We will need some volunteers to address the new students of whom there are 10 at the moment.

New Business

Jim Wallace asked the Board for funding for the already-approved ARDEN node proposal. He estimated that no more than \$200 would be needed for cables and batteries.

Keith Miller made a motion to present a proposal to the membership to purchase the necessary parts, along with a request for up to \$200 for parts. The motion was seconded by Eric Berman. The motion was carried with 5 voting for, and 0 voting against.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39PM

Additional Items

The generator was re-programmed to turn on for 15 minutes, every Thursday at 7:45PM. At 7:45, the generator turned on.

The propane tank was at 65% capacity, the same as it was 6 weeks ago when last checked.

Submitted by: Bernie Coletta (NK3PS)