

AARC Board Meeting for May 9, 2019

Attending:

Keith Miller, AE3D, President
Steven Grimaud, W3SWG, Secretary
Will Mooney, KA3UQQ, Treasurer
Bernarr Coletta, NK3PS, Boardmember
Larry Booth, AA3AU, Boardmember
Eric Berman, KC3GDV, Boardmember
Tim Nagel KB3YQK, Vice President

County Tower at the Police Academy:

Keith spoke with Gordon Davis, he learned that John Williams is coordinating to decide what will go on to the tower.

Discussion: Need to have coordinated effort to have a ham repeater on the county's new 400 ft. Tower (for their new police radio network.) That will also provide back up and emergency access and use. Keith is trying to work with the other ham clubs to make sure they've all been heard.

Ham Shack Renovation:

Since both motions regarding the ham shack have passed, but everything will be ready after field day to be done.

Antenna Committee:

John Gracy will head up the Antenna committee. Keith wants to have antennas for all the planned equipment in the shack. Eric mentioned that the "antenna effort" should be broken in to two (ref: his email from earlier today re that).

Standing Committees:

Keith proposes that the Rules Committee be established as the first of the "standing committees." He also proposes that those committees that don't have more than one member or have no meetings, be called "teams" instead. The "team leader" could have additional members as they see fit.

Discussion: ARRL and other entities operate under different rules, many including federal regulations, etc.

Also, a standing committee doesn't need to meet every month. Bernarr asked if we need to change the bylaws to this effect.

Eric: proposed to establish the Rules committee as a standing committee, Tim seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Fox Hunt:

We are still looking for a Fox Hunt team leader. A team would meet after field day to discuss how and what we want to do sometime in the fall.

MD DC QSO Party:

Mark Bova W2PAW has printed some of the 2018 certificates. He will have some more done soon.

Club Clothing:

Keith has scanned materials for the club clothing sales and will have it posted on the web site shortly. From there one would be able to fill in a letter of intent to purchase and click to email it to Jim Godsberry KC3NQY.

On a side note: Jim has again agreed to bring his tractor to Field Day to help with moving heavy objects to and from the field.

Holly Net:

We still need more volunteer net controllers. Our latest addition was Chuck Tanner K3ACT.

Silent Key Plaque:

Mark Bova W2PAW reported that he is working on the finish.

Generator: It turned on at 8:15pm.

New Business: Tim's antenna proposal of a donation (ref. email from him) should be processed through the donations process. (Eric's comments).

Eric's two proposals (*as noted above on antenna committee*) for repair and additions to the two towers at the club house: Keith reminds that the budget process requires the board vote to ask the general membership to approve the money for the work.

Eric moved to request the membership approve \$500 to replace the rotor and feed cable to one of the towers. Steve seconded. Unanimously approved.

Eric's second motion is to pour a new slab for the second tower, fix the rust issue for the tower. The cost of the add on pad (also to include pad area for the propane tank and other work will need to be finalized before work.

Question from Mark about moving the propane tank to while the pad is laid. Eric or Keith will look into the cost of moving the tank.

Will asked that Keith table the motion until the information from the propane company can provide the cost estimate for work. No board member objected.

Eric will call the company for their input.

DFRC report: Milford came from the DFRC meeting: he told them of our plans for the picnic. Milford learned that the club can ask the county for permission to bring either beer or wine to the picnic. There was discussion of the pros and cons of including alcohol.

There was also discussion about signage for the club at the entrance or down at the corner of the compound for visitors. We could also move the building sign down to the entrance. It may be too big for that location. The sign decision will be put off until closer to the November date for the next meeting. Will volunteered to lead a sign team to see what can be done.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.