

York County Amateur Radio Club

Minutes from the November 6, 2022 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 1503 hours by Club President Rick Alderette, KB1ASM.

Others present were:

Dave Johnson, AA1LO;

Dan Merrifield, K1DQ;

Tony Baker, AA3HD;

Greg Helms, KB1D;

Jim White, KC1ETT

Steve Barrett, KC1NPB;

Jack Brennan, K1NKS;

Bruce Washburn, KC1RUJ, and;

Brad Brown, Jr., KC1JMH.

Copies of the meeting Agenda, the current By-Laws, and proposed changes to the By-Laws Appendix were handed out to those present. Rick, KB1ASM emphasized the NOTE on the Agenda suggesting postponement of scheduled programs at this meeting in order to clean-up unfinished business. Rick, KB1ASM further noted that neither Roger, N1XP, nor Sue, KC1NQT of the Program Committee had responded to his calls and were not present at today's meeting so the issue may be moot anyway.

In response to Rick, KB1ASM's call for any announcements, Dave, AA1LO stated that the Club had received a gift of seven used analog Motorola 1250 HT's with programming cables, software, chargers, and extra batteries. It was noted that these radios could be re-programmed and loaned/given to Club members who may not yet have a radio.

Rick, KB1ASM, called for approval of the minutes from the October 02, 2022 meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and was approved by a majority of those present.

Rick, KB1ASM called for the Treasurer's report from Treasurer Jim, KC1ETT. Jim, KC1ETT stated that the Club had \$769.78. He further stated that he had a few deposits yet to make. He also is making arrangements with Partners Bank - where the Club account is - to have Dave, AA1LO removed from the account, and Rick, KB1ASM added to the account, and, getting the account name changed from the Wide Area Amateur Radio Network (WAARN), to the York County Amateur Radio Club (YCARC.) He added that in his conversations with a representative at Partners

Bank, the process should take about an hour. (WAARN was the predecessor club to the YCARC.) Jim, KC1ETT further stated that Roger, N1XP will be setting up a PayPal account using the account number for the YCARC at Partners Bank.

No VE/Educator report was given since Roger, N1XP was absent. Tony, AA3HD asked of those present, who were VE's. Jim, KC1ETT, Greg, KB1D, Dave, AA1LO, Jack, K1NKS, and Tony, AA3HD raised their hands.

As Public Information Officer (PIO), Rick, KB1ASM gave a report on the work he has done thus far on a possible Special Event station commemorating the 80th anniversary - September 2023 -- of the keel-laying of the US submarine *Razorback*, the longest serving diesel submarine in the US fleet. The keel was laid at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Following its US decommission, the *Razorback* was sold to Turkey for naval service. Following its Turkish decommission the sub ended up at a museum in Little Rock, AR. During discussion on this topic, the possibility of running a joint Special Event station with the Port City Amateur Radio Club at the site of the submarine *Albacore* in Kittery, ME. Rick, KB1ASM said he would be willing to go to Little Rock to operate a station on the *Razorback*. The issue was tabled for later discussion since we have a significant amount of time before September 2023. Dave, AA1LO mentioned that a Special Event station at the Trolley Museum might be a good idea too, and it was too bad that Bill, KB1CAT was not there to give us further information.

Rick, KB1ASM had the membership focus on amending the By-Laws, and the Appendix to the By-Laws as there is outdated information and/or erroneous information in the current versions. For each change to both the By-Laws and the Appendix those present discussed the changes and came up with new wording. Then a motion was made and seconded to make the change and then approved by a majority of those present. Here follows the approved changes:

Appendix:

Officers: (elected annually in September)

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Trustee

Meetings are held, in person, at 3:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the Wells Town Office, 208 Sanford Road, Wells, Maine. The meetings may be changed or cancelled at the discretion of the Officers.

Standing Committees are:

Testing, Licensing, and Education Committee

**Program Committee
Special Events Committee**

Annual Dues are \$15.00, payable to the Club Treasurer at the first business meeting in September.

By-Laws:

Membership: Membership is open to those interested in Amateur Radio (licensed or unlicensed). Membership shall be issued following a majority vote of members present. No secret ballots shall be cast. Membership is contingent upon paid dues. A member may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the members present at a monthly meeting.

Dues: Dues are due and payable at the September meeting and will be considered late by December 31st at which time the member becomes inactive and not eligible to vote or hold office. First year dues are waived for newly licensed amateur radio operators.

Meetings: Meeting dates and places shall be determined by the members. The annual meeting for the purpose of electing officers shall be September.

Amendments: Amendments to these By-Laws must be made at a meeting of the Club. Any such amendments shall be made by a majority of the members present at the meeting.

Although not included in the By-Laws or Appendix it was discussed that there could be members who could not afford to pay the \$15.00 annual dues, but that should not be excluded from the club solely for that reason. It was generally agreed that such instances would be handled on a case-by-case basis. The position of the Public Information Officer (PIO) also was discussed, but it was decided not to include it in the By-Laws or Appendix. It was generally agreed that the appointment of a PIO would be done as needed. Currently, Rick, KB1ASM is the club's PIO. Dan, K1DQ is the Trustee, (as well as the Vice President of the Club), and he stated that although he has filed the appropriate paperwork with the FCC, he still has not heard back from them. It is not clear if the FCC will in fact respond.

Attached to these minutes is a copy in its entirety of the newly approved By-Laws and Appendix.

Rick, KB1ASM made a motion to table until the next meeting decisions regarding meeting programs and other club activities such as Special Events. Prior to a motion, there was discussion. It was clarified that the Wells Harborfest event is a

club activity not a York County Emergency Communications Team event even though the York County Emergency Management Agency emergency communications van is a focal point around which the club operates for the event. The subject of having an event at the Trolley Museum was again broached. Participating in a Parks On The Air (POTA) event was discussed, as was the possibility of operating jointly with another club. It was noted that the major reason individuals get amateur licenses today is so they can do POTA. POTA's can be run with a club call sign, but individual operators can also get credit for their own call sign. It was made clear that the Club has to come up with a specific number of radio activities, as well as their type, such as a contesting event, or not. It was further made clear that meeting programs also need to be specified. Dave, AA1LO thought programs should focus on topics that would be useful to those newly licensed, such as how to use a multi-meter, building a simple antenna, or soldering a connector to coax cable. Following discussion a motion was made to table this subject matter until the next meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by a majority of those present.

Tony, AA3HD, wanted those present to be aware that there would be a VE session on 10 DEC 2022 here at the Town Office.

Tony, AA3HD asked for a vote to approve Jack, K1NKS and Brad KC1JMH as new members of the club. Both were approved by a majority of those present. It was noted to the Treasurer that Brad, KC1JMH did not have a check with him and still needed to pay his dues.

At 1620 hours a motion was made to adjourn which was seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Baker, AA3HD, Secretary, York County Amateur Radio Club

Attachment: By-Laws and Appendix as of 06 NOV 2022