

York County Amateur Radio Club

Minutes from the December 4, 2022 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 1508 hours by Club President Rick Alderette, KB1ASM.

Others present were:

Dave Johnson, AA1LO;
Dan Merrifield, K1DQ;
Tony Baker, AA3HD;
Frank Allen, W1FRA;
Jim White, KC1ETT
David Bosley, KB1GMK;
Bill Catanesy, KB1CAT;
Ken Hasenbank, N0IZE;
Cindy Halbett, (unlicensed);
Susan Bloomfield, WB2UQP;
Paul Cormier, KC1NQU;
Susan Cormier, KC1NQT;
Bruce Washburn, KC1RUJ, and;
Brad Brown, Jr., KC1JMH.

Copies of the meeting Agenda were handed out to those who wanted one. Rick, KB1ASM opened the meeting by having those present introduce themselves along with their call signs.

Following introductions, Rick, KB1ASM mentioned that Bill, KB1CAT had updated the club's banner. Rick, KB1ASM then asked if there were any other announcements. Tony, AA3HD mentioned three items of interest: (1) December was Youths On The Air (YOTA) month, and Tony, AA3HD had made contact with one YOTA station - K8Y; (2) a 10 meter contest is scheduled for December 10th, and; (3) Wreaths Across America will have a special event station -W1A - from 16-19 Dec 2022. For more information regarding the Wreaths Across America event, including possibly be a Special Event Operator, N1EP should be contacted at n1ep@yahoo.com.

Rick, KB1ASM, called for approval of the minutes from the November 06, 2022 meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and was approved by a majority of those present without descent.

Rick, KB1ASM called for the Treasurer's report. Jim, KC1ETT, Treasurer, stated that the Club had \$934.78...an increase from \$769.778 last month following the deposits of incoming membership dues. A motion was made and seconded to approve the

Treasurer's report and was approved by a majority of those present without descent. Jim, KC1ETT accepted dues payments from three members present. Jim, KC1ETT and Rick, KB1ASM are in the process of updating the Club checking account to reflect the Club's name rather than the name of the predecessor club. Following this change, a PayPal account will be set up that will be linked to the Club's checking account.

Rick, KB1ASM reported for Roger, N1XP – Club Committee Chair for Testing, Licensing, and Education – since Roger was not present. Rick, KB1ASM read from an email that Roger, N1XP had sent out to the Club's Primary Officers reporting his activities. Some of the things mentioned were the results of a recent radio licensing class, and that there will be a VE Session on 10 Dec 2022 at the Wells Town Hall, with registration starting at 0830 and testing starting at 0900. A motion was made and seconded to approve Roger's report, and approved by a majority of those present without descent. For the record, a copy of Roger's email is attached to these notes.

Rick, KB1ASM, as Public Information Officer (PIO), spoke about contacting those in Little Rock, Arkansas in charge of the submarine *USS Razorback* in relation to having a Special Event Station in September 2023 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of her keel being laid in Kittery. Those in Little Rock approved having a Special Event Station in the radio room of the *Razorback* and are waiting for our response. Discussion regarding the matter concluded with the possibility of running a joint Special Event with an amateur radio club in Little Rock on the *Razorback* and our Club on the *USS Albacore* in Kittery. Frank, W1FRA agreed to look into information regarding the laying of the keel of the *Razorback*, and Dave, AA1LO agreed to find out who was in charge of the *Albacore*. Both will report back at the next meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve these actions, and was approved by a majority present without descent.

As the *Razorback* discussion was part of Old Business, Rick, KB1ASM continued with the other major matter still held over...identifying four special events in which the club will participate. After much discussion it was decided the Club would participate in: (1) the Wells Harborfest event the last weekend of July; (2) the Shaker Museum Apple Festival in September, and; (3) the Trolley Museum pending Bill, KB1CAT finding out what dates are available. Other events mentioned, but decided against included the Acton Fair, and summer Field Day. The fourth event could be participating in winter Field Day at the end of January from the Club radio room, or participating in a joint event with the Wireless Society of Southern Maine, such as a Parks On The Air (POTA) or a Summits On The Air (SOTA) outing. Dave, AA1LO mentioned that the Club radio room needed an HF antenna and an antenna tuner. Brad, KC1JMH said he had a manual tuner he could give the Club. It was implied that if the Club radio room could be readied in time, Winter Field Day operations might be possible.

For new business, Rick, KB1ASM asked for discussion regarding making a contribution in memory of Silent Key Paul Gooch, KY1C to either the Bass Hill Repeater Group or the Pine Tree Council of the Boy Scouts of America. As there are some possible outcomes for the future of the W1BHR repeater, such as if it will even remain operational under the auspices of the Bass Hill Repeater Group, the club decided to table a decision regarding our contribution until the next meeting. One idea was that maybe we could contribute to both the Bass Hill Repeater Group and the Boy Scouts. A motion was made and seconded, and approved by a majority of those present without descent.

Rick, KB1ASM then opened the floor to general discussion. Topics included manning a table at the Maine State hamfest in Lewiston, or launching a weather balloon or a buoy. With regard to the weather balloon/buoy, Frank, W1FRA might make a presentation on this subject. Another idea was one Roger, N1XP had which was putting an Automatic Packet Reporting System (APRS) on the W1YCA packet node. Lastly, Bill, KB1CAT suggested a Club activity of installing radios in a large ambulance he had that the club could use in the future for events. Bill stated he is off Fridays thru Mondays. Bill, KB1CAT will let us know when it is a good time and then an email will be sent out to the membership in case anyone wants to help, or just be an observer to learn. Dan, K1DQ mentioned that perhaps Tim Wilkins, KB1PRG could help us as Tim used to do professional installations and is a radio technician as well.

The business of the meeting was completed with adjournment by Rick, KB1ASM at 1532, at which time the club watched a video about Field Day that Rick, K1ASM had filmed and produced.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Baker, AA3HD, Secretary, YCARC