

York County Amateur Radio Club

Minutes from the February 5, 2023 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 1505 hours by Club President Rick Alderette, KB1ASM.

Others present were:

Ernie Record, KB4EFX;

Dave Johnson, AA1LO;

Tony Baker, AA3HD;

Zach Madore, KC1SES;

Jim White, KC1ETT

David Bosley, KB1GMK;

Bill Catanesy, KB1CAT;

Roger Pience, N1XP;

Bruce Washburn, KC1RUJ;

Susan Bloomfield, WB2UQP;

Paul Cormier, KC1NQU;

Susan Cormier, KC1NQT;

Ron Hirsch, KR1K;

Michelle Hirsch, K1MPH;

Jack Brennan, K1NKS;

Stephen Barrett, KC1HPB;

Brad Brown, Jr., KC1JMH, and;

Jordan Brown (unlicensed son of KC1JMH.)

Rick, KB1ASM opened the meeting by having those present introduce themselves along with their call signs. (Note: Brad, KC1JMH and son Jason arrived after introductions were made.)

Following introductions, Rick, KB1ASM recessed the business portion of the meeting at 1507 hours, and turned the floor over to Roger, N1XP to make his informative presentation on antennas. The presentation showed how many antennas are based on the dipole, and the pros and cons of the different iterations of the dipole. Roger pointed out that there are many antenna informational resources available on the club website, including an out of print book titled *Reflections III*. Several members asked questions during the presentation, and Roger, N1XP was given a resounding round of applause at the end.

Following the antenna presentation, Rick, KB1ASM returned to the business portion of the meeting at 1544 hours and called for approval of the minutes from the January 8, 2023 meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and was approved by

a majority of those present without descent. Tony, AA3HD, club Secretary, noted that when the last meetings were first posted on the website, a member had read them and found some errors. Corrections were made. Tony, AA3HD welcomed such input from club members when corrections were needed.

Rick, KB1ASM called for the Treasurer's report. Jim, KC1ETT, Treasurer, stated that the Club had \$934.78 with a couple more deposits yet to be made. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report which was approved by a majority of those present without descent. Jim, KC1ETT further explained that he had received new checks with the club name on them. Soon, Roger, N1XP will be creating a PayPal link on our website where people will be able to pay their dues rather than sending in a check or using cash, if they so prefer. Jim, KC1ETT further stated that he had received a thank you card from the wife of SK Paul, KY1C thanking the club for its' donations to the Bass Hill Repeater Group and Pine Tree Council of the Boy Scouts.

Rick, KB1ASM asked Roger, N1XP, Club Committee Chair for Testing, Licensing, and Education, if he had anything to pass on. Roger, N1XP explained that his Technician's class was cancelled as there was only one person who signed up. There will be a soldering class starting in March. Roger, N1XP offered to teach club members if we could find a place to hold classes since limitations of using the Massabesic Center included the fact that it was for adults only, and it cost \$25.00 per person to take a class. Susan, WB2UQP suggested that the New School in Kennebunk might be a suitable location. (It should be noted that Roger, N1XP sent out an email to all members on January 27, 2023 with an attachment detailing Testing, Licensing, and Education. A copy of that email is attached to the hard-copy record of these notes.)

Rick, KB1ASM asked that members of the club step up and volunteer to make presentations in their areas of expertise at club meetings. No one immediately volunteered to make a presentation.

Rick, KB1ASM, as Public Information Officer (PIO), stated that Saco River TV on Plains Road in Hollis has approved the club's use of their property for Field Day 2023 if that is what the club decides it wants to do. The only caveat is that the club would have to get a porta-potty at a cost of \$150.00 for the event. Dave, AA1LO suggested that a Field Day Committee be formed to work out the details, like logistics, etc., associated with Field Day. A motion was made and seconded to form a Field Day Committee and was approved by a majority of those present without descent. Those volunteering to be on the Field Day Committee are: Rick, KB1ASM, Michelle, K1MPH, and Bill, KB1CAT.

In terms of old business, Bill, KB1CAT presented dates that the Trolley Museum would be available for the club to set up there. The dates went from mid-May

through late August 2023. It was decided to postpone a decision regarding this matter until the next meeting, but it appears the August 27, 2023 date likely would be a good time. Susan, WB2UQP asked what the club would be doing at the Trolley Museum, and was told we would be setting up like Field Day operations, but in an abbreviated capacity.

Rick, KB1ASM summarized the club's operating activities for the coming year as Field Day (June 24/25), Wells Harborfest, (July 29), Alfred Shaker Museum Apple Festival, (late October), and the Trolley Museum.

Tony, AA3HD announced that he had applications for four new members who wanted to join the club. They were Michelle Hirsch, K1MPH, Ron Hirsch, KR1K, Ken Hasenbank, N0IZE, and Cathy Halbett, unlicensed. A motion was made and seconded on each of the applicants for a vote to be taken on their membership in the club. All of the applicants were approved by a majority of those present with no descents.

Rick, KB1ASM adjourned the business meeting at 1612 hours.

Following the meeting, three door prizes were given away. Winners were Dave, AA1LO, Rick, KB1ASM, and Tony, AA3HD.

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

Attachment to file copy: Roger, N1XP 27 JAN 2023 email with attachment