

York County Amateur Radio Club

Minutes from the November 05, 2023 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 1501 hours by Club President Rick Alderette, KB1ASM.

Others present were:

Dave Johnson, AA1LO;

Tony Baker, AA3HD (Secretary);

Dan Merrifield, K1DQ ;

Michelle Hirsch, K1MPH (Treasurer);

Ronald Hirsch, KR1K;

David Wood, KB1FGF;

Bill Catanesye, KB1CAT;

Susan Bloomfield, WB2UQP;

Bob Krause, KC3OVG;

Burdette Amen; AA1YC;

Paul Cormier, KC1NQU;

Sue Cormier, KC1NQU; and;

Rob Sylvester, AA1BS.

Rick, KB1ASM opened the meeting by having those present introduce themselves along with their call signs.

Following introductions, Rick, KB1ASM showed an approximately 20 minute long video he produced documenting the club's special event station at the Seashore Trolley Museum on 27 August 2023. A round of applause was given following the video.

Rick, KB1ASM asked for approval of the 01 OCT 2023 meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion was approved by the membership present without descent.

Rick, KB1ASM then asked Michelle, K1MPH for the Treasurer's report. Michelle reported that the club's account balance as of OCT 2023 was \$1029.78 with subsequent revenues of \$60.00 and expenses of \$25.00 with a resulting balance of \$1064.78. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was approved by the membership present without descent.

Roger, N1XP, Education/VE Officer was not present so Rick, KB1ASM passed around a copy of suggested presentations/programs that Roger had sent out to the membership in an earlier email asking those present to indicate which presentations/programs they'd like to see.

As Public Information Officer, Rick KB1ASM reported that the video shown at the beginning of the meeting was his contribution for the meeting.

For old business Rick, KB1ASM asked for a motion to approve Bob Krause, KC3OVG as a member of the club. A motion was made and seconded, and approved by the membership present without descent.

For new business, Rick, KB1ASM wanted to get the contacts we made during our special events earlier this year logged in under the club call sign - W1YCA -- in QRZ.com. After some discussion as to how this might be done, Rob, AA1BS agreed to take on the task of getting this done.

Following the conclusion of old and new business, discussion returned to future club presentations and programs. Dave, AA1LO talked about a company called NightFire Electronics which had many inexpensive kits to build. Dave showed one of their kits that he had built...a 40 meter CW QRP transceiver. He stated the kits were fairly inexpensive, and would be even less expensive if bought in larger quantities. In terms of QRP CW kits, Dave said another source was Michigan Mighty Mite. There was discussion that a WSPR kit might be something the club members also could build. On this topic, Susan, WB2UQP spoke of an ARRL kit that has an accompanying YouTube video. Dave, AA1LO also mentioned an all band wire antenna build that would cost only about \$25.00 per antenna. A foxhunt Yagi antenna build also was mentioned. A place to solder was an issue of concern as the Wells

Town Hall would not allow this. Bill, KB1CAT said he had a shop the club could use if they wanted to do soldering. It was decided that a list of the NightFire Electronics kits would be made available to club members before the next meeting so the membership could see what is available and decide on what to build.

Tony, AA3HD suggested that at the next meeting we also be prepared to discuss the club's 2024 activities. Dave, AA1LO agreed that it was never too earlier to start thinking about next year. Rick, KB1ASM agreed as well.

Burdette, AA1YC filled out an application to join the club and paid his dues to Michelle, K1MPH. The club will need to vote on Burdette's membership at the next meeting.

The winner of the door prize was Dave, AA1LO.

With no other business before the club, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion was approved by the membership present without descent

The meeting was adjourned at 15:59 by Rick, KB1ASM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Attachments to file copy: Roger, N1XP Oct 06, 2023 email with suggested presentations/programs, and; hard-copy Treasurer's report.