

# York County Amateur Radio Club

## Minutes from the December 03, 2023 Meeting

The Meeting was called to order at 1606 hours at Pizza by Alex in Biddeford, ME by Club President Rick Alderette, KB1ASM following indulgence and enjoyment of pizza by all those in attendance – 10 members and four guests.

Others present were:

Bruce Washburn, KC1RUJ;

Tony Baker, AA3HD (Secretary);

Alan Desjardins, N9APD;

Doreen Desjardins, no callsign;

Michelle Hirsch, K1MPH (Treasurer);

Ronald Hirsch, KR1K;

David Wood, KB1FGF;

Bill Catanesye, KB1CAT;

Pete Warren, KC1DFO;

Bob Krause, KC3OVG;

Ernie Record, KB4EFX;

Bill Lord, KC1SSO, and;

Stephen Barrett, KC1NPB.

Rick, KB1ASM asked for approval of the 05 NOV 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 NOV 2023 was \$1064.78 with subsequent deposits of \$200.00 resulting in a current balance of \$1264.78 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 but, Rick, KB1ASM noted that Roger had sent his report out to the membership in an email dated 30 NOV 2023.

As Public Information Officer, Rick KB1ASM reported that he had made a video of the Special Event Station set up on the submarine USS Razorback commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the laying of her keel at the shipyard in Kittery, Maine. Rick noted that a few of the club's members are in the video. The video can be found on the internet here: <https://click.email.vimeo.com/?gs=010643e31554a389a0bfb79d8c4ee52de56062178b933be8bd3fbf0af9f6e25ef7451050d01b6589feaf592f8fb6e3617bcfda702defd29a88517790ddeff3>

(Simply copy and paste the link into your internet browser.)

For new business, Rick, KB1ASM asked for the membership to think about whether or not the club should operate on Winter Field Day coming up in January, and if so, if they wanted to operate indoors or outdoors, and what locations for operations might be tenable.

Rick, KB1ASM also reminded the membership that at the January meeting we needed to decide what events the club wanted to take on in 2024. Various suggestions were put forward including operating for Field Day, operating Special Event Stations at Wells Harborfest, at the Trolley Museum, at the Shaker Hill Apple Festival, at the Acton Fair, and during Arundel Community Days. Additional suggestions including operating during Maine POTA Day, and having a club booth at the Maine ARRL Convention in Augusta in June. With regards to club operations on Maine POTA Day it was suggested that we could operate from Mt. Agamenticus, although it was noted that VHF reception is interfered with severely there, and that new paid parking at the rate of \$2.00 per hour has now been put in place there as well. Tony, AA3HD suggested that perhaps the club should not take on more than four radio operating events, just as it did this year.

With regards to any other business, Tony, AA3HD noted that in response to the club's overwhelming interest in kit building at the last meeting, Roger, N1XP would be teaching a kit building/soldering course at Massabesic Adult and Community Education, 84 West Road, Waterboro, ME 04087 from April 23 through May 14, 2023. Roger also will be teaching an Extra License Class course beginning February 08, 2024 every Thursday evening for 10 weeks, also at Massabesic. Those interested in either of these two courses should check the Massabesic Adult and Community Education website to sign up. When recently checked, only fall 2023 courses still were being listed.

The winner of the door prize – a magnetic antenna mount – was won by Bill Lord, KC1SSO. The door prize was donated by Dave Johnson, AA1LO. Bill, KC1SSO filled out an application to join the club and plans to pay dues and join the club at the January 2024 meeting.

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 16:16 by Rick, KB1ASM.

Following adjournment, it came to the attention of Rick, KB1ASM that Alan, N9APD had filled out an application to join the club and paid his dues to Michelle, K1MPH. Under the circumstances, Rick reconvened the meeting and asked for a motion to approve Alan as a club member. A motion was made and seconded. The motion was approved by the membership present without descent. Rick then asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made and seconded. The motion was approved by the membership present without descent. Rick adjourned the meeting at 16:25.

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

Attachments to file copy: Roger, N1XP NOV 30, 2023 email with VE/Education Report.