

York County Amateur Radio Club

Minutes from the March 03, 2024 Meeting

The meeting began at 1500 hours with a presentation about club members Roger's, N1XP, and Tony's, AA3HD, electromagnetic spectrum/amateur radio demonstration at the Wells Junior High School on 14 February 2024.

Following the presentation, Jack Brennan, K1NKS -- Club Vice-President -- had those present introduce themselves. (Jack was presiding in place of club President Rick, KB1ASM, who was indisposed because of a family emergency.)

Those present were:

Dave Johnson, AA1LO;

Tony Baker, AA3HD (Secretary);

Dan Merrifield, K1DQ ;

Michelle Hirsch, K1MPH (Treasurer);

Ronald Hirsch, KR1K;

Roger Pience, N1XP;

Bill Catanesy, KB1CAT;

Ed Ridolfi, K1RID;

Burdette Amen, AA1YC;

Bob Krause, KC3OVG;

Bill Lord, KC1SSO, and;

Rob Sylvester, AA1BS.

Following introductions, Jack, K1NKS had Roger, N1XP, give the education report. Roger spoke of the current Extra License Class, the upcoming 13 April 2024 VE Test Session, and the status of the Mesh Network. Also, Roger's report has been posted on the club website. A motion was made and seconded to accept Roger's report, which was approved by the membership present without dissent.

Jack, K1NKS, reported that Rick, KB1ASM, in his position as Public Information Officer, was working on a film documenting the club's 2024 Winter Field Day activities.

Next, Jack, K1NKS, called on Michelle (Treasurer), K1MPH, to give the Treasurer's report. Michelle stated that the club started the month of February with \$1,065.97, and ended the month with \$1,108.25 after taking in \$240.00 in revenue, and spending \$197.72 in expenses. A motion was made and seconded to accept Michelle's report, which was approved by the membership present without dissent.

Jack, K1NKS, asked for a motion to approve the February 2024 club meeting minutes as written. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes, which was approved by the membership present without dissent.

Jack, K1NKS stated that guest Ed Ridolfi, K1RID, filled out an application to become a member of the club. A motion was made by Dave, AA1LO to approve Ed's application and membership and it was seconded by Bill, KB1CAT. The motion was approved by the member's present without dissent. Ed was welcomed into the club with a round of applause.

Jack, K1NKS, stated that he hoped club members had filled out the survey sent to them on what proposed club activities they would be able to participate in for the rest of the year. Roger, N1XP presented the survey results which showed that the Shaker Apple Festival was the overall top vote-getter, followed by the Trolley Museum, Field Day, and Wells Harborfest. Bill, KB1CAT stated that the Trolley Museum will be available on 25 August for HAM Radio Day. Bill also stated that he has increased the number of solar panels on his converted ambulance. Tony, AA3HD, said he would be available to man a club table at the ARRL Maine Convention in Augusta on 15 June, and commented that he thought Rick, KB1ASM would also be available. Rob, AA1BS said he too would be available to man a club table at the convention. Rob also wanted to be sure that club members would not be limited to participating in just the four top vote-getting events, and was assured that club members could participate in other events and even use the club call sign. Winter Field Day 2025 also garnered votes and the club will be doing that again too. Dave, AA1LO was asked about the availability of the Wells Recreation Field for use on Field Day. Dave said it would be available, but that he would need to know by the April 2024 meeting if we wanted to use it so he can make arrangements with the appropriate authorities. The Wells Recreational Field has a covered pavilion, commercial power, an indoor lavatory, and a kitchen that would be available for the club's use during Field Day. Also, members could camp out there too. It was decided that the members should use the time between now and the April meeting to see if any other sights might be suitable for Field Day. A motion was made to accept the four top vote getting activities as enumerated above. The motion was seconded, and approved by the members present without dissent.

During open discussion, it was asked if a 'get well card' had been sent from the club to Bruce, KC1RUJ. Tony, AA3HD thought that Rick, KB1ASM has sent a card, but if had not, one would be sent.

Burdette, AA1YC, won the door prize (100 watt dummy load), that was donated by Dave, AA1LO.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, which the membership present approved without dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 15:45 by Jack, K1NKS.

N1XP Education Report attached to hardcopy of these minutes.

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