

York County Amateur Radio Club

Minutes from the April 07, 2024 Meeting

Club President Rick Alderette, KB1ASM brought the meeting to order at 1507 hours. Rick had those in attendance introduce themselves.

The others present were:

Dave Johnson, AA1LO;

Tony Baker, AA3HD (Secretary);

Dan Merrifield, K1DQ ;

Michelle Hirsch, K1MPH (Treasurer);

Susan Richardson, KC1BSQ;

Ronald Hirsch, KR1K;

Susan Bloomfield, WB2UQP;

Bill Catanesye, KB1CAT;

Burdette Amen, AA1YC, and;

Rob Sylvester, AA1BS.

No one in attendance had any announcements.

Rick, KB1ASM, asked for a motion to approve the March 2024 club meeting minutes as they were posted on the club website. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes, which were approved by the membership present without dissent.

Next, Rick, KB1ASM, called on Michelle (Treasurer), K1MPH, to give the Treasurer's report. Michelle stated that the club ended March with \$1,108.25, and as of today had the same amount. A motion was made and seconded to accept Michelle's report, which in turn was approved by the membership present without dissent.

Rick, KB1ASM, gave the education report for Roger, N1XP who was not present at the meeting. Roger is currently teaching the Amateur Extra class at the Massabesic Adult Education Center. Several members of the club are taking this course. On 13 April 2024 there will be a VE Test Session at the Wells Town Offices. Registration begins at about 0830 with the testing starting at 0900. A motion was made and seconded to accept Roger's report, which was approved by the membership present without dissent.

Rick, KB1ASM, as Public Information Officer, showed an approximately 20 minute video he produced on the club's activities during Winter Field Day 2024. The video is available on the community television network system. Although only a couple of thousand viewers in Maine have watched the video, over 12,000 viewers in Wichita Falls, TX have watched it! Following the video, Rick was given a "nicely done" and a round of applause.

Following the video, Rick, KB1ASM, reviewed the on-the-air activities the club had agreed to at last month's meeting: ARRL Field Day – 22-23 June; Wells Harborfest – 27 July; Trolley Museum – 25 August, and; the Shaker Hill Apple Festival – 21-22 September. What needed to be determined was the location of where the club would operate during Field Day. A motion was made to hold Field Day at the Wells Recreation Field and was seconded, and approved by the members present without dissent.

Rick, KB1ASM, noted that the club needed to start thinking of possible antenna alternatives for the Shaker Hill Apple Festival operations. After some discussion it was determined that having a vertical there likely would not work well due to the amount of people in the area. Rick also expressed concern about location at the Trolley Museum. Bill, KB1CAT, stated that all we needed to do was go out to the Museum site and scope out a better operating area.

Tony, AA3HD, brought up the issue of the club manning a table at the Maine ARRL Convention at the Augusta Civic Center on 15 June. The cost is \$20.00 for a table, and \$10.00 per person for admission. Rob, AA1BS, and Rick, KB1ASM, along with Tony could man the table. Rob stated that advance online purchase of admission tickets was only \$5.00. Rick, Tony, and Rob agreed to pay for their own admission tickets. A motion was made allocating \$20.00 of club funds to pay for a club table at the convention. The motion was seconded, and approved by the members present without dissent.

During open discussion, Burdette, AA1YC, stated he has an FTDX 1200, with a built-in automatic antenna tuner, he would gladly loan to the club and/or its members that might be needing an hf rig on a temporary basis from time to time if the club would accept. Speaking for the club, Rick, KB1ASM, accepted Burdette's offer. Dave, AA1LO, mentioned the club also had an ICOM hf rig that club members could use as well.

Also during open discussion, Susan, WB2UQB, wondered if Roger's, N1XP, soldering and kit building class had enough enrollment so as not to be cancelled. No one present knew the answer, but a few members mentioned they had enrolled and what kits they were going to build.

Rob, AA1BS, won the door prize (an Astron 2.5 - 3 amp power supply), 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 15:57 by Rick, KB1ASM

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