

# Albemarle Amateur Radio Club

## August 13, 2024

### Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order 7:00pm, by President, Bob Pattison, K4DU Meeting held at PVCC and via Zoom.
2. Welcoming Statement:
  - Introduction of attendees
3. Treasurer's Report - Larry Eicher, K4JZQ
  - Current balance to date: \$34,2046.50
  - Larry will be unavailable for the month of September for any claims. Ed Berkowitz, N3US, may be contacted for any reimbursements.
  - Club Picnic to be Saturday, 9/14, at Darden Towe with signup sheet to be sent by Ed Berkowitz, N3US
  - No meeting in September due to picnic
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Technical Committee - Bill Pond, N0WP
    - Made modification to 925 repeater. Fusion repeater swapped out with Vertex 9000 reducing audio latency. Recommend while keying up repeater state, "This is <call sign>".
    - Next is to install UHF link hub at Bucks Elbow.
    - Tait commercial 220 radios to replace existing Heard Mountain to replace 220 repeater in about a month.
    - Request consideration to update link with Allstar link for online connectivity. Suggest Wi-Fi modem through cellular requiring monthly payment of up to \$60.
  - b. Public Service - Dave Damon, K4DND
    - Saturday morning Hamfest TBD
    - Events in fall TBA
  - c. Education Committee and VE's - Hank Perritt, K9KDF (not present) Bob Pattison, K4DU, provided update
    - Next VE session sat 9/21 at PVCC.
    - Another tech class after 1st of year. Anyone willing to teach will be added to the list.
    - Dave Bebe, SKYWARN class has added seats due to interest. Approximately 80 participants include Albemarle, Green, Augusta, and Nelson counties. For public service.
  - d. Fund Raising - AJ Miller, KE4AJM

- Postponed to next meeting
- e. Public Relations Committee – Dennis Terribile, WR4I
- Still has 4 shirts to provide people from Field Day will bring to the picnic
  - Radio IQ Sandy Hausman stated interview with Bob Romanko made PBS nationally.
  - Working with Benjamin Kidd, KG4EIF, to get into schools
  - Scouts Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) will be in Oct. Bob Romanko, AK4BR, has planning presentation on YouTube channel, [AARC JOTA 2022 - Planning for Success - Bob Romanko, AK4BR](#)
  - Apple Harvest Fest is week before JOTA at Camp Shenandoah
- f. Estate Committee - Ed Berkowitz, N3US (not present)
- No update
- g. Membership Committee – Ed Berkowitz, N3US (not present) Bob Pattison, K4DU, provided update
- New Members:
    1. Steven McGowan, KQ4TVZ
    2. Chris Kiewra, KQ4KEO
    3. Sean Horn, KO4OOH
    4. Amy Horn, KO4OOG
    5. Scott Barker, KQ4TNX
    6. Brad Cansler, AK4RE
    7. Will Lyster, K4WIL
5. Old Business:
- None reviewed
6. New Business:
- a. Monday Night Information Net - Bob Romanko, AK4BR
- Need net control for 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month (full time) to replace Joe Giovanelli, W2PVY
  - Net control for 5<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month: Larry Eicher, K4JZQ
7. Program – Norm Dallura, KN4YFI - "The Valley Amateur Radio Association"
8. Close of Business: Adjourned 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya Pedersen, KQ4EUR

Secretary

**Attendees (33):**

**In Person (25):**

1. Bob Pattison, K4DU
2. AJ Miller, KE4AJM
3. Bob Romanko, AK4BR
4. Larry Broach, KQ4QKG
5. Bill Pond, N0WP
6. Connie Pond, guest
7. Dave Beebe, K4OEK
8. Norm Dallurn, KN4YFI (guest)
9. Steven McGowan, KQ4TVZ
10. Ron Richey, K4RKA
11. Joe Thompson, KN4WJK
12. Nate Pedersen, N4PED
13. Jim Owen, K4CGY
14. Tonya Pedersen, KQ4EUR
15. Ian Callahan, KN4TBG
16. Dennis Terribile, WR4I
17. Larry Eicher, K4JZQ
18. Ken Walker, KO4OM
19. Michael Smith, KQ4SRP
20. Ben Casto, NX4S
21. Joe Devinentis, KO8V
22. Susan Devinentis, KG5KUH
23. Jim Wilson, K4BAV
24. Len Soika, KQ4BBR
25. Peter Francisco, KQ4TNW

**Online (8):**

1. John Porter, KK4JP
2. Noah Flood, KQ4TOG
3. Rich Freeman, KI4QKV
4. Barbara Freeman, KN4LAH
5. Sean Horn, KO4OOH
6. Warren Yursik, KN4LYF
7. Brian Williams, K4BQF
8. Allen Nathanson, WA3WCO