

Albemarle Amateur Radio Club

October 8, 2024

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order 7:01pm, 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: \$34,025.99
 - Thanks to Bob Romanko, AK4BR, and Ed Berkowitz, N3US, for great job on the club picnic which was on Saturday, 9/14, at Darden Towe.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Technical Committee - Bill Pond, N0WP
 - Everything working well. Reviewing audio issues with 925 repeater.
 - b. Public Service - Dave Damon, K4DND
 - Saturday morning Hamfest TBD
 - Events in fall TBA Events in fall:
 - Saturday Oct 12 - Tour de Greene
 - Saturday Oct 26 - Rockbridge Gravel Grinder
 - Saturday Nov 16 - Richmond Marathon
 - Encourage SAG ride along volunteers
 - Due to hurricane, do not use Winlink at this time and keep frequencies open encourage listening for assistance.
 - Bob Romanko, AK4BR: Apple Harvest - Camporee for Scouting America at Camp Shenandoah. The theme was the Wild West with a 2-meter GOTA station set up as a Western Union telegraph office. Over 150 scouts on 2m Station.
 - Thank you to the following volunteers:
 - Charles Gross, KS4NW
 - Scott Barker, KQ4TNX
 - Dennis Terrible, WR4I
 - Ed Berkowitz, N3US
 - Jim Wilson, K4BAV
 - Bob Romanko, AK4BR
 - Victor Romanko (graphics)
 - Dave Damon, K4DND
 - Benjamin Kidd, KG4EIF
 - JODA at Chris Greene Lake Shelter, Saturday 10/19, need a volunteer for fox hunt.

- c. Education Committee and VE's – Hank Perritt, K9KDF (not present)
 - No report
- d. Fund Raising - AJ Miller, KE4AJM
 - \$146 raised at club picnic
 - \$22 raised at meeting
 - Digital multimeter, resistance, voltage meter, ac/dc inverter, QSL card holder.
- e. Public Relations Committee – Dennis Terribile, WR4I
 - No update
- f. Estate Committee - Ed Berkowitz, N3US
 - No update
- g. Membership Committee – Ed Berkowitz, N3US
 - New Members: (voted in at Club Picnic, 9/14)
 1. Robert Johnson, W4XZX
 2. Paul Dean, WB9HGZ
- 5. Old Business:
 - None reviewed
- 6. New Business:
 - a. School Club Roundup, October 21-25, Benjamin Kidd, KG4EIF
 - Students from elementary through college will be on HF. Request for members to listen for school stations. Benjamin to be on the air at Baker-Butler.
 - More information to come
 - b. CRC Junior MTB Team community outreach, Benjamin Kidd, KG4EIF
 - Practices are held at remote locations. 50-70 kids are riding. Equipment being used are old amateur radios and walkie talkies on MURS. Need more/replace equipment.
 - Club can provide opportunity for community outreach with 15 new HTs sets for HT to HT for coach communication ranging 1/4 - 3 mile. Ham radio outreach opportunity for improved communications with demonstrations with SOTA or POTA during practice.
 - Motion to purchase 15 new HTs, speaker mics, antennas. \$810 cost.
 - For 15 to 3 with motion carry the purchase of 15 radios
- 7. Program – Warren Yursik, Jr., KN4LYF, and LeRoy Caudill, KO4JMH, on the “Northern Virginia Hospital Network” (postponed)
- 8. What have you done lately?
 - a. Bob Patteson K4DU: bought a vertical.

- b. Dennis Terribile, WR4I: Doing POTA at Beaver Creek Park in Crozet 11-12. Must make 10 contacts to be called an activation. Has banner and brochures for the club to help promote club and ham radio.
 - c. Another member working on APRS via HT and mobile.
 - d. Dennis Terribile, WR4I: Weak Signal Propagation Report (WSPR). Using website [WSPR Rocks!](#) to see where signal is going. Used WSPR transmitter at 200mW. Device \$120. Talk to Dennis about borrowing device if interested.
7. Close of Business: Adjourned 8:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya Pedersen, KQ4EUR

Secretary

Attendees (30):

In Person (19):

1. Bob Pattison, K4DU
2. AJ Miller, KE4AJM
3. Nate Pedersen, N4PED
4. Jim Owen, K4CGY
5. Tonya Pedersen, KQ4EUR
6. Dennis Terribile, WR4I
7. Ben Casto, NX4S
8. Jim Wilson, K4BAV
9. Peter Francisco, KQ4TNW
10. Matt Holcomb, KB3FTP
11. Benjamin Kidd, KG4EIF
12. Leroy Caudill, KO4JMH
13. Charles Gross, KS4NW
14. Scott Barker, KQ4TNX
15. Patrice Porter, KM4RSL
16. John Porter, KK4JP
17. Brian O'Rourke, K4UL
18. Mark Kocher, KB4CNQ
19. Stephen Kramer, KN4CJI

Online (11):

1. Larry Eicher, K4JZQ
2. Ronald Richey, K4RKA
3. Bob Romanko, AK4BR
4. Dave Damon, K4DND
5. Ken Kellerman, K2AOE
6. Joseph Giovanelli, W2PVY
7. David Beebe, K4UEK
8. Frank Haynes, W4NUA
9. Warren Yursik, KN4LYF
10. Bill Pond, N0WP
11. Ed Berkowitz, N3US