

# Albemarle Amateur Radio Club January 14, 2025

## Annual Business Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order 7:00pm, by President, Bob Pattison, K4DU Meeting held via Zoom
  2. Welcoming Statement:
    - a. Welcome to the AARC annual business meeting
    - b. Thank you to all individuals who have served on the board and who will serve.
  3. Program – “*Bringing Ham Radio into the Schools*” – Dennis Terribile, WR4I
  4. Voting in of new members – Ed Berkowitz, N3US
    - a. Jim Loder, KQ4AVP
    - b. Jennifer Loder, KN4UEJ
    - c. Glen Murdoch, scheduled to take exam in March
    - d. Eric Santana, KN4EVT
  5. Report of the Nominating Committee – Ed Berkowitz, N3US
    - a. Presentation of nominees for Officers & Directors as listed:
      - Nominees for Officers (1-year Terms):
        - President: Bob Romanko, AK4BR
        - Vice President: Dennis Terribile, WR4I
        - Treasurer: Larry Eicher, K4JZQ
        - Secretary: Peter Francisco, KQ4TNW
      - Nominees for Directors (2-year terms):
        - Education: John Porter, KK4JP
        - Public Service: Dave Damon, K4DND
        - Estate Service: Rich Bradley, W4DZC
        - Public Relations: Russ Sawyer, KN4LAU
        - Technical: Bill Pond, KB1LL
    - b. No other nominations from the floor
  6. Election of Officers and Board members
    - a. All listed nominees were unanimously voted into their roles of service
    - b. Outgoing officers and board members to aid in the transition of new leaders
- Newly elected President, Bob Romanko, AK4BR, now presides***
7. Treasurers Report – Larry Eicher, K4JZQ
    - a. Current balance \$35,234.80
    - b. Annual dues now being solicited: Individual \$20 or \$25 for family with the following payment methods:

- Checks send to: PO Box 6833, Charlottesville, VA 22906
  - PayPal via Website <https://www.albemarleradio.org/renew-membership/>
  - c. Will be working with credit union to transfer into money market program
  - d. Thanks to Jim Owen, K4CGY, & Ed Berkowitz, N3US, for refurbishing and reselling equipment from SKs.
8. Approval of Minutes from November meeting:
- a. John Porter, KK4JP, motioned and Bob Pattison, K4DU, seconded approval
9. Committee Reports for CY 2024
- a. Technical Committee – Bill Pond, KB1LL
    - Heard Mountain site was down, but now back online. Issue unknown. Plan to do upgrades & visit site with weather improvement
    - Bucks Elbow & Martha Jefferson equipment are working well
    - Request an assistant to maintain controllers & software
  - b. Public Service – Dave Damon, K4DND
    - Two events currently on calendar:
      - Sat 4/5: Blue Ridge School gravel ride
      - Sat 5/3: Mint Springs Trail Run. Host has invited members back:
        - Benjamin Kidd, KG4EIF
        - Tonya Pedersen, KQ4EUR
        - Nate Pedersen, N4PED
        - Len Soika, KQ4BBR
    - Saturday, 1/18, at 10:00 AM: download VarAC software & join VARA HF join on 895 repeater on 40M. Adjunct activity for Winlink.
    - Winlink: 16 members are regular participants have done 300-400 Wednesdays. New repeater antennas at Buck Elbow required internet connection which has been privately funded. Would like to transfer \$20/month fee to club through T-Mobile. Warren Yursik, KN4LYF, second motion. Motion carried.
  - c. Education Committee and VE's – Hank Perritt, K9KDF (not present), Bob Pattison, K4DU, provided update
    - Last VE session:
      - One person took both tech & general exams passing both
      - Two upgraded to general
      - Six got technician license
    - Next VE sessions to be held at PVCC and at 10:00 AM:
      - 3/15/25, 6/14/25, 9/13/25, and 12/13/25
      - All sessions have been posted on the AARC and ARRL websites
  - d. Fund Raising - A.J. Miller, KE4AJM
    - Nothing new for this evening due to being online. Will resume at next meeting
    - HT radios programmed with chirp will be raffled off.
    - Will raffle Commountain mic speakers to fit Baofeng HTs.

- e. Public Relations Committee – Dennis Terribile, WR4I
  - Presented this evening
- f. Estate Committee - Ed Berkowitz, N3US
  - Bruce Wilson (SK) widow donating his station. TS 850, Icom 7610. Test equipment, SWR meter, and watt meters. Many swap items which will be sold locally.

#### 10. Old Business

- a. Name Badges:
  - Logo for club would like to get a couple more designs then vote on them. Have gotten pricing from vendors. Need to change database for name on badge.
  - Suggest forming a committee club branding. Bob Romanko, AK4BR, will chair Branding Committee. Will have something prepped for Feb meeting.
- b. Scholarship to honor Harry. Have description of requirements. Bob Pattison to contact ARRL

#### 11. New Business

- a. Thank you to those who have volunteered for Monday Night Net:
  - Pete Francisco, KQ4TNW (1st Monday)
  - Jim Wilson, K4BAV (2nd Monday)
  - Ken Walker, KO4OM (3rd Monday)
  - Scott Barker, KQ4TNX (4th Monday)
  - LeRoy Caudill, KO4JMH (5th Monday)

#### 12. Adjourn at 8:34 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Tonya Pedersen, KQ4EUR  
Secretary

**Online Attendees (27):**

1. Tonya Pedersen, KQ4EUR
2. John Porter, KK4JP
3. Ed Berkowitz, N3US
4. AJ Miller, KE4AJM
5. Bob Pattison, K4DU
6. Dennis Terribile, WR4I
7. Dave Damon, K4DND
8. Larry Eicher, K4JZQ
9. Allan Nathanson, WA3WCO
10. Bob Romanko, AK4BR
11. Dave Dawson, KM4YWY
12. Edward Sidebottom, KQ4UYH
13. Eric Santana, KN4EVT
14. Ian Callahan, KN4TBG
15. Jim Owen, K4CGY
16. James Loder, KQ4AVP
17. David Beebe, K4UEK
18. Ken Walker, KO4OM
19. Jennifer Loder, KN4UEJ
20. LeRoy Moyer, K4ISW
21. Mary Loose DeViney, KM4CWP
22. Nate Pedersen, N4PED
23. Peter Francisco, KQ4TNW
24. Paul Dean, WB9HGZ
25. Bill Pond, N0WP
26. James Marcus, KQ4YIB (guest)
27. Scott Barker, KQ4TNX