

**ARCTIC AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Board Meeting Minutes**

APPROVED

Minutes approved by BOD
9/19/17

Date: 9/7/17
Time: 1900 AKDT
Place: Cookie Jar Restaurant

ATTENDEES

John Antonuk, AL7ID, President
Larry Ledlow, N1TX, Vice President, Acting Secretary
Sean Bohanan, KL3YC, Treasurer
MaryBeth Groves, KC0CWG, Assistant Treasurer
Charles Beaudreault, WL7CW, Board Member
Linda Mullen, AD4BL, Board Member
Myles Thomas, KL1NU, Board Member
Bob Kreiser, WL7GK, Board Member
Roger Garrett, KL4EC, President emeritus
DiDi Garrett, KL4JE, General Member
Bill Mullen, KE4ITP, General Member
Eric Nichols, KL7AJ, General Member
John Slater, KL1AZ, General Member

General

Incoming president John Antonuk AL7ID called the meeting to order with a reminder to all members AARC is a State of Alaska non-profit corporation. He emphasized the need to take care of club business in an appropriate way with attention to our legal filings and general legal status.

Treasurer Report

Balance \$7791.28
Income \$1063.90

KC0CWG was approved by the board to be appointed Assistant Treasurer.

KL3YC agreed to provide AL7ID with account details and paperwork to change authorized signatures at Denali State Bank.

Old Business

There was no secretary report from the previous business meeting. KL4JE stated she would eventually catch up with the notes. NB: KL4JE resigned as secretary effective 8/30. See email this date. N1TX has temporarily accepted the responsibility.

There was a general re-cap of the August hamfest results, which KL1AZ reported as well-received by the host General Contractors. He reported we were welcome back for an event next year. KL4JE and treasurer KL3YC discussed leftover food and supplies like utensils which

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could be donated or held over for another event. KL3YC asked for additional receipts from KL4JE to close out the reimbursement from hamfest expenses.

AL7ID expressed an interest in having elections certified, although no process is specified in the by-laws.

The future of the Ester Dome repeater remains uncertain, since no permit has been obtained from either the Geophysical Institute or the Bureau of Land Management. The consensus remains that Ester Dome, and the existing site location, is most preferable, but other sites are under evaluation, even though they will most like require the club to pay rent for the space. AL7ID has a spectrum analyzer monitoring from the Procomm Motorola site, but intermodulation and instrument limits have been problematic. He has a 2m bandpass filter to put inline in the near future for a more accurate assessment of the RF environment. N1TX agreed to follow up with Diane Siegfried at UAF and the person responsible for BLM permitting to gain more information on the requirements. A request for information from former treasurer Jason Ninneman regarding his interaction with UAF on the matter yielded nothing substantive.

AL7ID and KL3YC will check status of autopatch on the repeater.

WL7GK and AL7ID recommended making club meeting announcements and perhaps news (Amateur Radio Newslines, for example) on the repeater to generate more interest.

KL7AJ offered a reminder that there is local activity on 6 meters FM simplex on 52.525 MHz.

New Business

AL7ID has verified state and federal (IRS) corporate filings for the club are current. Bill Brookins KC8MVW is our registered agent. Also, ARRL insurance policy is paid. Pick/Click/Give information needs to be updated, which N1TX agreed to address.

KL7XO remains trustee of KL7KC and domain registrant for kl7kc.com.

AL7ID introduced the possibility of changing the venue for the board meetings. Restaurants are problematic due to noise and lack of proper meeting facilities to conduct club business. The board consensus indicated there was a willingness to do so. The need is to host up to 20 participants with comfortable seating and audio/visual capability. Possibilities discussed included the library, and the group agreed to hold the next meeting in the conference room at the Noel Wein Library.

KL1AZ led the discussion on location and time for the annual AARC holiday party. Some preferred to keep the event at the Cookie Jar. Some felt the cost of \$35+ might be an obstacle. Other possibilities were discussed, but no specific location was agreed upon. Further investigation is warranted.

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KL7AJ agreed to be the social media coordinator and would begin making updates on Facebook. He dismissed the utility of Twitter as a communications means, but the membership should be surveyed to discuss preferences.

N1TX introduced the idea of establishing a Steering Committee for the purposes of providing strategic guidance to the Board. This would be an advisory committee made up of high level stakeholders or experts who provide guidance on key issues such as club policy and objectives, budgetary control, outreach strategy, resource allocation, and decisions involving large expenditures. The suggestion included membership to consist of 1-2 Board members and 2-3 general members to ensure good communications and balance of perspectives. More discussions on this will take place at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2045 AKDT.