

# **York County Amateur Radio Club**

## **Minutes from the October 2, 2022 Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 1310 hours by Club President Dave Johnson, AA1LO.

Introductions were made around the room. Present were:

Dan Merrifield, K1DQ;  
Tony Baker, AA3HD;  
Ernie Record, KB4EFX;  
Jim White, KC1ETT  
Steve Barrett, KC1NPB;  
Rick Alderette, KB1ASM  
Bruce Washburn, KC1RUJ;  
Roger Pience, N1XP;  
Susan Bloomfield, WB2UQP, and;  
Paul Cormier, KC1NQU.

Roger, N1XP, and Rick, KB1ASM, gave a report on the Special Event station the Club ran at the Alfred Shaker Museum during the Shaker Hill Apple Festival. By all accounts, this was a successful event. Pictures of the event are on the Club website. A lot of families expressed interest, and 12 people signed up to receive more information; Roger will be contacting these individuals. Twenty-three (23) contacts were logged, and many more which were not logged. Rick stressed that the whole event would not have been possible had it not been for silent key Arthur Bullukian, K1BRE, who had made a positive impact on the organizer of the Apple Festival. Because of this, the organizer was all in favor of the Club having a presence at the festival when approached by Rick. Rick said this is an example of HAMS having a lasting impact on the hobby, even after death. QSL cards made up for the event were handed out by Roger to the present members. Dave, AA1LO, noted that he now has a portable 35' tower with rotating dipoles on several HF bands he can loan to the club for similar future special event occasions.

Roger, N1XP, gave a report on the status of the website. He is adding something new every day, including technical information and events on the calendar. Rather than repeating operating events on our website that are available on the ARRL website, he will be putting links to the ARRL on the Club website as well as links to CQ's calendar of events. Roger allowed the membership to look at a Club QSL card he designed and asked for approval to purchase 50 of the cards for a cost of about \$22.00 including shipping from Vista printers. The request was approved by the membership. Roger also has made up a tri-fold brochure for the Club.

A get well card for Club member Susan Cormier, KC1NQT, was circulated by Rick, KB1ASM, for members to sign.

Approval of the 11 September 2022 Meeting Minutes was put forward by Dave, AA1LO. A motion was made, seconded, voted on by the membership, and approved.

The next VE Session will be 10 December 2022.

Jim White, KC1ETT, gave the Treasurer's Report. Jim said the Club treasury has \$769.78, and pending deposits will bring it up to about \$870.00. Approval of the Treasurer's Report was sought. A motion was made, seconded, voted on by the membership, and approved.

Jim further reported that the Allstar and BPQ nodes and Winlink were all working. The Winlink at the York EMA is running 24/7. Jim is running Winlink from 6:00PM to 6AM every day, while Dave, AA1LO, is running Winlink from 6:00AM to 6:00PM every day. It was noted that FSQcall is now running at the Town Hall. The frequencies for these modes will be given to Roger, N1XP, per his request.

Dave, AA1LO, opened the floor to nominations for the primary officer positions in the Club:

Dan, K1DK, nominated Roger, N1XP, for President, but Roger declined and nominated Rick, KB1ASM. Tony, AA3HD, seconded. Members declined discussion and voted to approve Rick as President.

Roger, N1XP, nominated Dan, K1DK, for Vice-President. Jim, KC1ETT, seconded. Members declined discussion and voted to approve Dan as Vice-President.

Dan, K1DK nominated Tony, AA3HD for Secretary. Roger, N1XP seconded. Members declined discussion and voted to approve Tony as Secretary.

Dave, AA1LO, nominated Jim, KC1ETT, for Treasurer. Roger, N1XP, seconded. Members declined discussion and voted to approve Jim as Treasurer.

Dave, AA1LO, nominated Dan, K1DK, to be Trustee (of the club callsign.) Roger, N1XP, seconded. Members declined discussion and voted to approve Dan as Trustee.

Dave, AA1LO, proposed that Rick, KB1ASM, retain his position as the Club's Public Information Officer (PIO.) Tony, AA3HD seconded. Members declined discussion and voted to approve Rick to retain the PIO position.

There was a discussion by the membership regarding having new events the Club could participate in similar to what we did at the Shaker Hill Apple Festival; perhaps have four events per year. Ideas thrown out were Nubble Light, Casco Bay Lines, and Maine Maple Sunday. Other ideas included having Field Day at the Trolley Museum, or at the TV station grounds in Hollis. Another idea was doing something

at Arundel Heritage Day, and/or the Maine QSO Party. Involvement in a civic service, like covering a bike race, also was discussed. All agreed that planning ahead of time was necessary to be successful and to prevent 'burn out', and that a high traffic/high visibility area probably would be a preferable location for whatever we did. We should be sure to separate contest events from public exposure events. Dan, K1DK thought that getting members to send in ideas would be good. Another idea was doing something jointly with the Wireless Society of Southern Maine, since they had asked us to participate with them on a SOTA on MT. Agamenticus. It was agreed that this topic would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

It was further mentioned that there is a Program Committee consisting of Roger, N1XP, Sue, KC1NQT, and Bill, KB1CAT, that should be involved in planning subjects of discussion at subsequent meetings.

Dave, AA1LO, mentioned that Bill, KB1CAT, is redoing the Club banner at cost, and putting the Club website address on it. Dave said this banner would be available for display at our events.

Dave, AA1LO, volunteered to stay net control for the Thursday night Club net until the new leadership works out a schedule for rotating the net control operator.

Dave, AA1LO, asked the membership what they might need help with. Bruce, KC1RUJ, said he needed help with DMR programming his Anytone HT, and Ernie, KB4EFX, said he would need help getting up his antenna when he finally gets it. Both were assured that the Club would help them.

At 1350 hours, Paul, KC1NQU, made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tony Baker, AA3HD, Club Secretary