

YORK COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by the Club President, Rick Alderette - KB1ASM. The following were also present at the meeting:

Bruce Washburn, KC1RUJ
Dan Merrifield, K1DQ
Dave Johnson, AA1LO
Bill Catanesy, KB1CAT
Ernie Record, KB4EFX
Susan Bloomfield, WB2UQP
Rob Sylvester, AA1BS
Jack Brennan, K1NKS
Brad Brown, KC1JMH
Jordan Brown
Ron Hirsch, KR1K
Michelle Hirsch, K1MPH
Bob Kraus, KC3OVG

Tony Baker, AA3HD, the Club Secretary was not present due to a prior commitment. Meeting notes were taken by Brad Brown, KC1JMH.

Brad Brown, KC1JMH made the announcement that Camp Hinds, in Raymond, will be activated on October 21 and will be participating in Boy Scouts of America, Jamboree on the Air. The JOTA station will operate from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and all are invited to attend.

The Minutes from the June 4, 2023 Club Meeting were approved by the Club with no dissent.

The Club Treasurer, Michelle - K1MPH, reported that there has been no banking activity since the last meeting and that our account balance is \$1,029.78. The form titled; *New Membership Application* was distributed to all who were present. It was requested that all members fill out the form and return it to Michelle so that we have accurate record keeping. The form was designed by Tony - AA3HD and is very comprehensive.

The Education/VE report was submitted in writing by Roger - N1XP and read aloud by Rick - KB1ASM. The report is attached to this document and is also available on our website. The topics included:

1. An Extra Class license prep course could be taught beginning in January if there is enough interest.
2. VE exam sessions are available on the ARRL website
3. We need suggestions for Club Meeting programs.
4. An article about the Shaker Hill Apple Fest, by Susan W2UQP, has been posted on our website.
5. Please submit photos to Roger for posting.

The Public Information Officer report by Rick - KB1ASM informed the Club that there is a video production in process at Saco River Community Television. The production is about the Special Event Station at the Seashore Trolley Museum and will be made available to the Club upon completion.

Under Old Business; the Club approved the membership applications of Dave Wood - KB1FGF, Rob Sylvester - AA1BS and Jim Hatch - AA1FR. An application and dues payment were received from Bob - KC3OVG and his membership will be voted on at the next meeting.

Rick - KB1ASM, asked for constructive criticism and comments regarding the four events that we held in the past year. The comments included:

1. ARRL Field Day. Hollis location too far off the beaten path and poor public exposure.
2. Wells Harbor Fest. Good public exposure. EMA vehicle and ambulance parking.
3. Trolley Museum. Fun, good exposure, no opportunity for growth.
4. Shaker Hill Apple Fest. Fun, convenient location but we need a different antenna.

The Club voted in favor of sending a \$25.00 donation to the Alfred Shaker Museum. A Thank You card was circulated among the club for signatures and Michelle will mail the card along with a bank check.

The Club held an election of Officers. Rick-KB1ASM accepted the nomination by Ernie - KB4EFX and was reelected as President with the stipulation that it was for only one more year.

Dan - K1DQ did not seek reelection as Vice President. Jack - K1NKS was nominated and voted in as Vice President.

The Treasurer, Michelle - K1MPH was elected at the Club meeting in May with the understanding that she would remain in office throughout the year. Her election was reaffirmed by the majority of the Club.

Our Secretary, Tony - AA3HD was not present for the meeting. Rick - KB1ASM read an email from Tony to the Club, which stated that Tony would accept the nomination for Secretary but not for any other office. Tony was reelected to the position of Secretary.

Dan - K1DQ was reelected as Trustee of the Club call sign W1YCA.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Rick Alderette - KB1ASM, President, York County Amateur Radio Club.