

# **RVARC Board of Directors Meeting**

**March 8, 2024**

Call to order: Tom Wilcox President (W4TW) at 6:05pm

Quorum: yes

Reports:

Activities: Virginia QSO Party Douthat State Park 3/16-17, 2024 W4CA Annual Auction 4/26-27<sup>th</sup>; March Program meeting presented by Gary Yohe: Antenna Part 2; Education Day at the Salem baseball field April 17<sup>th</sup>

Finance: Proposed Budget for 2024 to be presented at the general meeting; Annual Audit to be completed for presentation at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Equipment list and valuation has been done. Tom has talked to ARRL about ensuring our inventory (less repeaters) and they will cover it @ 1.40 per 100 dollars of value. Tom will present this at the business meeting.

Education: Working on Green Hill Park activities with possibly Scouts and Ares training. Salem Redsox Education Day is April 17 with us setting up equipment to demonstrate to students Ham Radio.

Hamfest: Dave reported that the schools' students have found a way to number the tickets, saving us \$200 in printing fees to put toward the HF Radio Prize. David K has made contact with his Dayton folks and, but they don't know the "deals" until just before the event.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The zoom program is currently ok and covered until June thanks to Ben and Darell. We will hold off equipment purchases because of "end of Life" of Windows 10 to give a little more time to evaluate our needs.

The School Club round-up was a success this year and the workers and students are waiting for the results. Special thanks to all club members that assisted with contacts and especially to Bill (KQ4TQC) for being on the air to talk to and encourage the students.

Potluck dinner meeting was a great success. Plenty of food and participation.

Club Meetings: If you have a Door card for the building and use it to enter the building, you will need to scan it on your way out as well. Door card holders also must sign the Red Cross Acknowledgement form which says that you have a card/key and that you agree to abide by the Red Cross' Security Policies. A log will be created for each event that we hold and must be signed and returned to the Radio Room upon the end of the event.

Radio Room info. The radio room in the Red Cross building is their property and is under the control of the Red Cross and ARES. Darrell Little (KI4LLA) is the designated ARES Emergency Coordinator for our area.

## NEW BUSINESS

A long discussion took place regarding the club website (W4CA.Com) which is under control of the club board. It was recommended that we remove all email addresses from the site to protect members from scams and other issues of maintaining them.

RoanokeValleyARC@gmail.com is the only email to be on the site. Darrell will be looking into creating a club Gmail Entity that will provide the club with better email control, file sharing and other forms of sharing privately with each other.

Another long discussion was held discussing the W4CA Facebook page that is not controlled by our club or board. It is controlled by a non-member and several member admins that do a very good job of managing the Facebook Page. However, the general assumption by Facebook visitors to the page is that it is "the official page" for the Roanoke Valley ARC. We need to get a disclaimer on the page that the site is not ours and that we are not liable for its content etc. Discussion concluded that our board representative will talk with the owner and bring info to the next board meeting.

Gary Yohe presented the club magnets costs and suggestions, and it was determined that we continue to evaluate the program.

Meeting adjourned.

7:00pm