

ARCNEM
Amateur Radio Club of the National Electronics Museum
K3NEM - - W3GR
Minutes of July 11, 2019

Attendees:

Mike Birdseye - K4DUM	David Rinker - WB3IGW
Steve Stitzer - WA3ZWC	Jim Smith - AB3CA
Fred Kuss - KA3CXQ	Ted Bauer - WA3AER
Tim Titus - W1TRT	Charlie Smith - K2ZVV
Zory Glaser - KB3VQC	Nick Yokanovich - N3NY
Jerry Richards - W3GBR	Tom Chistovich - K3YH
Gordon Johnston - KC3LWO	Steven Funk - N3PYJ
Joe Funk - N3LRP	Rich Moellman - N3MOB
Kevin Zembower - KC3KZ	

Mike Birdseye K4DUM, President convened members at 6:05PM.

The June 13, 2019 Minutes were approved, with a few comments regarding extraneous content.

REPORTS

Treasurer --

The Treasurer's report via email was read and accepted by voice vote. After having purchased the Palstar Auto-tuner, our total assets are \$2692.82. Note that Amp funds have been moved into the general fund. It has been recommended that the club acknowledge Alvin's, KOIQE (SK), donation to the club station with a plaque. Our President will follow up on this action item.

Station Equipment and Operations

- **NG Net Wednesdays 3:00pm** - - Kathleen, KC3FWF, reported via Jim, AB3CA, that the new equipment is working well for the net. There were 15 check-ins yesterday. We are getting a number of new stations joining the net of late. New net control operators are welcome to help spread the load.Í
- **Station Equipment/Issues** - Tom, K3YH, outlined the current station set up with the AL-1300, Palstar tuner, and FT-1000MP. Currently some manual changes need to be made when switching bands. Tom has a procedure in the works that will be posted soon at the station (this relates to the right hand side of the station). Once we have the auto-band select interface installed and working, these

manual changes will diminish to selecting the proper antenna for the band in use.

We have another (donated) FT-1000MP slated to go into the station once Rol has completed testing it.

Among the donated equipment are a couple of amplifiers that the club may sell. They are excess to our needs and we do not have storage space for them.

Discussed ATV future at K3NEM and moved to dismantle the station. There are no analog ATV repeaters within reach; and the station has been in an incomplete/inoperable state for the past few years. For the time being, the equipment will be retained in the club inventory.

QSL Report - - Nick, K3NY, reports that 450 D-Day contacts were made. He distributed certificates to our participating club operators.

Training Report - No report.

Special Event Report -- ARCNEM will operate as W3A for the 50th anniversary of the Apollo Lunar Landing on July 20, 1969. We plan operation from July 19 through July 21.

2019 Field Day - Tim, W1TRT, prepared a letter to Ho Co Parks and Recreation, thanking them for the use of the field at Rockburn Branch Park; the letter will also include a \$100 donation to the park's organization.

OLD BUSINESS

- Kevin, KC3KZ, reports that the infrastructure for the new Web presence is in place. What he needs now is help to move content from the existing Drupal site to the new WordPress site he has set up. The Drupal content is not a series of text/html pages, but is in a database-like form. NOTE that our current Web presence is running on an outdated, hence vulnerable to attack, set up. So, it is important that we make this transition.

NEW BUSINESS

- We have been notified that the Sabreliner move has been put on hold. No new date is available.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve, WA3ZWC, and Fred, KA3CXQ, made presentations about Field Day after the regular meeting.

The next meeting is August 8, 2019 at the National Electronics Museum.

Respectfully submitted by (not your elected or *de facto* secretary: We need a **regular** Secretary; it's not that hard to keep summary notes!) Ted WA3AER.