

ARCNEM
Amateur Radio Club of the National Electronics Museum
K3NEM – W3GR
Minutes of December 12, 2019

Attendees:

Fred Heath AI3Z	Jeff Coomes (New)
Tom Christovich K3YH	Jim Smith AB3CA
Zory Glaser KB3VQC	Mike Birdseye K4DUM
Ted Bauer WA3AER	Gary Johney N3BYN
Rich Bumgarner W7HGE	Rol Anders K3RA
Steve Stitzer WA3ZWC	M Tyler Reece K3MTR
Jim Nowotarski N3GOO	John Cundiff W3JBC
Fred Kuss KA3CXQ	Kevin Zermbower KC3KZ
Anthony Rogers KC3OFQ	

Mike K4DUM convened the meeting at 6:00 PM in the Museum Library.

Minutes: There were no minutes from the November meeting.

Reports

Treasurer

Fred AI3Z reported that the Club ended the month with \$2671.13. The bank balance was \$2579.27. Fred did not know if Nick N3NY needed funds for postage, but he pointed out that most of Nick's activities were self-funded.

The IRS notified our credit union that our tax ID does not match their records. It is the same tax ID that we have used in the past. Fred is investigating.

Need for volunteer to take minutes

Mike K4DUM asked for a volunteer to take minutes. He said that we had a fiduciary duty to take notes and offered twice the normal salary and fringes. Jim AB3CA volunteered to take minutes but only for this meeting.

Wednesday NGF Net

Jim AB3CA reported that there were 5 check ins on Wednesday 12/4. Signals were S7-9 for all check ins even though the propagation prediction was for poor conditions. Four check ins were in CA and one was in ID.

Tom K3YH reported 15-16 check ins and 7-8 check ins on his two previous nets.

Fred AI3Z had 8-9 check ins on 12/11. Four were CA regulars, two CO and one OK. Conditions were not bad, but the signals bounced around. Someone on the Net said it was due to Russian over-the-horizon radar signals.

Fred reminded station operators that the radio preamp should be turned off during operations because it only raises the noise level. The preamp is off when the green light is on.

Fred said that there are no equipment issues. He is checking out a second Yaesu FT-1000.

Operating Activities

Tom K2YH said that Fred AI3Z, Kevin KC3KZ and Zory KB3VQC accounted for about 330 contacts during the W2W Pearl Harbor Special Event. Most contacts were phone, but there were a few FT8. There were no operators for December 7th, the actual day of the Pearl Harbor attack. We needed more operators.

Zory KB3VQC brought up the issue of using the Station Call Sign at other locations and there was a discussion. Tom K2YH thought we should keep it on site. Our contacts expect that our special events should be located where the equipment and displays related to the event are located.

There was a discussion that Club Members may not be familiar with station operation. Options were discussed.

Tom K2YH said that our W2W Pearl Harbor Special Event was briefly confused with a W2W Woodstock event. A lot of contacts were anxious to get the Woodstock QSL card.

Tom pointed out that the School Club Roundup will be coming up at the end of February 2020.

Tom reported that the Museum will be gutting the Library and creating an education room. We can have the ham radio books. Perhaps we can create a lending library for Club use.

QSL Cards

Zory KB3VQC reported that Nick N3NY left 5 large boxes of QSL cards at the station. There was also a white shoe box containing cards that were submitted for DXCC. Zory had a binder with inserts that could be used for displaying QSL cards. Members discussed how the cards could be used. Tom K3YH asked Zory if he would give us a recommendation at the next meeting. Tom said that a friend who collected post cards said that the QSL cards were not of value to the post card hobby.

Officer Elections

Jim N3GOO moved that all current Club officers be elected to serve another year. Tom K3YH seconded the motion. The current officers agreed to serve another year and Jim N3GOO volunteered to serve as Club Secretary. The members voted to approve/elect.

The Club Officers elected for 2020 are:

President: Mike Birdseye K4DUM

Vice President: Zory Glaser KB3VQC

Secretary: Jim Nowotarski N3GOO

Treasurer: Fred Heath AI3Z

Chip Weems Award

Nominations for the Chip Weems Award were requested. Please send all nominations to Mike Birdseye at mike@k4dum.com. Do not send nominations to the reflector.

Additional Items

Mike will check with Tim W1TRT to determine if a thank you letter has been sent to the Glusik family for the donation of Alvin's ham radio equipment.

Zory said that Frank Donovan W3LPL gives a presentation on the history transoceanic radio from 1860 to the present day. Zory will explore having Frank make the presentation to the Club. Frank Rutter's video on antennas was also mentioned as a possible presentation.

Kevin KC3KZ participated in the W2W Special Event using the KX3 and the GAP Vertical/Butternut antenna. The station worked well. He contacted Alaska, Washington State, Oregon, Honduras and South Africa on 20M with 100/150 watts.

Mike K4DUM asked if we have any problems to be solved. Kevin KC3KZ said that the KX3 and brick could not do anything on 80M because the amp shuts down.

Adjournment

Mike moved to adjourn and Ted seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Submitted by Jim AB3CA