

Minutes of the ARC NEM April 9, 2020 meeting.

Attendees:

Mike – K4DUM	Jim – N3GOO
Ted – WA3AER	Steve – WA3ZWC
Fred – KA3CXQ	Nick – K3NY
Neil – W3ZQI	Jim – AB3CA
Uwe – DF2IR	Tim – W1TRT
Fred – AI3Z	Charlie – K2ZVV
Zory – KB3VQC	David – WB3IGW
Sam – WC3SAM	Bob – ND3D
Gus – AA3GG	

Meeting called to order at 1805 EDT by Mike K4DUM, President.

Zory, KB3VQC, Vice President present.

Jim, N3GOO, Secretary present.

Fred, AI3Z, Treasurer present.

- Treasurer' Report – Meeting started with a request from the President for the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer replied that he had no current information to report as he hadn't been to the credit union, claiming some lame excuse about not wanting to die from a dread disease currently ravaging the entire human race. Upon reflection this excuse was considered to be a good one and we let him off. But only this time.
- Delinquent Members – An email was sent out to delinquent members as per the discussion at the March meeting. Ted Bauer announced that three of the people contacted had replied with payment or intent to pay.
- Net Report – Jim, AB3CA reported last net from the actual museum location was on March 18 with 7 check-ins. By March 25th the museum was closed and Fred, AI3Z, took over as NCS from his home. Rol K3RA was the NCS for April 1 and reported 15 check-ins. Fred was NCS for April 8 but the propagation gods were frowning that day and he only had 2 check-ins. The net will be run from the NCS' home stations for the duration.
- Minutes – At this point it was suggested that the previous meeting's minutes should be approved and they were.
- Field Day – A discussion about how to operate on Field Day this year commenced, with various suggestions in regards to remote operation, Class 1E operation from home stations, etc. ARC NEM has the park location reserved should the situation permit operation as in previous years. At this point in time there does not appear to be enough information to make a firm plan.
- D-Day operations – Our D-day W2W special event is coming up as well. Again, it is unclear as to whether it will be possible to operate from the museum. Tim Titus suggested operating from a mobile station located behind the museum building thus allowing us to cable to the tower and rooftop antennas. Fred Heath pointed out that might also be a good time to install some of the replacement tower hardware. Remote operation was also discussed.
- Remote operation/ high speed internet – A discussion about the museum and club getting internet access other than the present DSL capability ensued. There was an issue that prevented this in the past but Mike K4DUM believes that the issue should be addressed again, and will be when the current crisis has abated. Stay tuned.
- Training report – The Extra class is being conducted via Zoom. Rol K3RA has a license, and all of the additional instructors have their material on PowerPoint so the class is proceeding.
- QSL report – Nick K3NY reported that he has caught up to the last card he was able to receive from the museum mailbox prior to the closure. A short discussion ensued about talking to Mike Simons about collecting any current ARC NEM mail and forwarding it as Mike Simons is generally at the museum every day.
- Club Zoom License – A discussion about the club purchasing a license for Zoom so that we don't have to sponge off of Ted Bauer's license (Thanks, Ted!) for the meetings. This would allow the meetings to go past the 7:30 PM window for technical programs. It seemed to be agreed that the club would acquire a license to do this. Club officers to work out the details separately.

- Next meeting – Important note. The May meeting will also be by Zoom, unless Dr. Fauci and his friend Dr. Zory pull off a miracle before May 14th. In order to sign in use the same URL (link) that Ted Bauer sent out for the April meeting.
- Paper products and whatnot – A freewheeling discussion about paper products, shopping delivery services and general response to epidemics ensued. Several people rather unwisely related that they had large stocks of toilet paper. We know where you live.
- The secretary would like to take this opportunity to say hello to Uwe Kulms, DF2IR, our honorary lifetime member in Germany. It is always a pleasure to hear from you and we're all glad you're all healthy.
- Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 19:22 EDT