

Minutes of the ARCNEM meeting December 14, 2021

In attendance were:

Ted WA3AER, Jim N3GOO, Mike K4DUM, Steve WA3ZWC, Jim AB3CA, Uwe DF2IR
Fred KA3CXQ, Tom K3YH, Tim W1TRT, John K3JJB, Sam W3SCB, Fred AI3Z
George AA3GG, Charles K2ZVV, Jeff KC3OQP

Meeting started at 1802.

Dues – the 2022 dues (**\$15**) are due, so please do your due diligence and diligently deliver your due dues to the dues dude. It is preferred to pay by PayPal send to Treasurer@K3NEM.ORG. Send the **NEW form from the website to Treasurer@K3NEM.ORG** (preferred). You can send it by regular mail but expect a long delay on the paperwork getting in, as mail delivery is very slow to the museum.

Meeting minutes – Jim AB3CA actually had a paper copy of the Minutes. Well Done! Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report – Bank balance \$2970.86, there are some outstanding payments not yet deposited.

Museum status – A Senior Executive Advisory Panel (SEAP) has been formed to figure out how to keep the museum surviving past the cessation of NGC support and a new location for the museum. Current thinking is a smaller footprint in a city location. Deadline for move is April 2023.

Wednesday Net Report – Fred AI3Z operated from his home QTH last week, great propagation direct to CA. A smattering of the regulars and some miscellaneous stations for a successful net.

Station status – Some inconsistent output power reports on the club station during the W2W event. It appears that the FT-1000MP driving the Henry Amp was incorrectly setup with too much microphone gain and the Henry was overdriven. It was suggested that we update our setup guide and perhaps provide an additional training session if people desire. Fred points out that we have a Drake L7 amplifier in storage that just needs a high voltage replacement board at \$100. We could replace the board and sell the amp for a significant profit or use it for ourselves.

Pearl Harbor Event – Partial count of 624 digital QSOS by Fred AI3Z from his home station. As Nick K3NY was not in the meeting we don't have the rest of the count as of the date of this meeting. K3NEM was operated daytime during the early part of the week and in the evening on the later part of the week

General class – Midway through the class. About 80 people log in every week. Additional people watch the recordings as they are open to the public.

Extra class – Starts January 20, 2022.

Club officer elections – The slate of Mike K4DUM President, Charlie K2ZVV VP, Fred AI3Z Treasurer and Jim N3GOO Secretary was moved, seconded and elected for 2022.

Chip Weems Award Nominations – The committee has decided to not make an award for 2021.

Club location – Tim W1TRT wrote up a club prospectus or elevator speech describing what the club is and what the club can offer and explaining that the club is looking for a place to locate should the museum ultimately be not viable. Four locations were originally suggested:

- The VFW in Glen Burnie – 501C3 with 5300 square feet
- Unallocated Space – Severn, small building, house meetings for approximately 20 people and a ham station. This is rental space.

- Civil Air Patrol at Granite Maryland, in SW Baltimore MD. Former Nike site. Lots of space, buildings. Long way away, 20, 25 miles away.
- UMBC Ham club KB3CBD, located on campus. Possibly partnership. Discussion with professorial member suggested not a good fit as students are more software oriented and membership is very variable with high transition, plus RF vs computer and age division. They do have an outbuilding, access apparently would not be an issue.

Regardless of choice the effort would be difficult and it would be hard to mobilize the current membership to make the effort. We should support the current effort to move the museum to a new location.

Meeting adjourned at 1925EDT