

Minutes of the ARC NEM meeting February 8, 2022

In attendance were:

Jeff KC3OQP, Jim N3GOO, Neil W3ZQI, Tom K3YH, Mike K4DUM, Dean Weiten, Uwe DF2IR,
Fred KA3CXQ, Tim W1TRT, David W3DWC, Fred AI3Z, Jim K3YMI, Steve WB4APR, Gary N3BYN,
Jim AB3CA, Rich N3MOB

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 – Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report – Bank balance \$3214.87

Ham Class – Tom K3YH would like to have an open house for class members/attendees on 2/26/2022 from about 10 to 1 or so that people can operate the station and experience ham radio in person. Tom will send out an email to request volunteers. This is to give the new hams some practical experience in both building a station and operating.

School club Roundup - Monday 2/14 to 2/18. ARC NEM generally participates and quite often wins the non-school club category. Tom is looking for operators. Kevin KC3KZ will be in daytimes to mentor and/or assist operators at the station and Tom will be in at least one evening. A followup email will be sent on the reflector.

Wednesday Net Report – Net operating most every Wednesday. Sometimes at home, sometimes at the museum, depending on the NCS availability. If anyone is interested in learning to be the NCS, Fred, Jim or Tom are happy to help. Email Tom to confirm availability at the museum. Tom notes that propagation is getting better.

Station status – Fred has finished up the mods to the solid state amp and it will be re-installed shortly. The Henry is working fine, so all items are fully operational.

Extra class – Starts January 20, 2022. Over 550+ expressing interest. Typically over 300 logging in per class. An operating class will start after the Extra class, most likely in April. This class has a different topic each week.

QSL report - To date we have received and answered 93 QSLs from the December W2W event.

To recap the event, there were 1043 contacts (504 FT8, 118 FT4, 421 SSB).

The replies sent were 46 unfolded certificates, 26 folded certificates, and 21 card-only.

Outgoing postage required \$74.55 worth of stamps. Incoming donations totaled \$74.00.

The club now owes Nick K3NY \$1.75. He will need to buy more large envelopes for the unfolded certificates that will be requested following the next special event, so he will wait on collecting the \$1.75.

Postage went up a bit in January. The large envelopes needed \$1.30 before the rise, and now require \$1.36. And 55-cent stamps now cost 58 cents. The first-class 1-ounce international stamp still costs \$1.30. There are no 6-cent stamps at the post offices, so now two 58-cent stamps and one 20-cent stamp are used (which are plentiful at the USPO).

Fred Kuss showed the December 2021 W2W certificate, and pointed out that W3LPL won yet another best article award from the ARRL.

Meeting adjourned at 1845EST