

Minutes of the ARCNEM meeting April 12, 2022

In attendance were:

Ted WA3AER, Jim N3GOO, Uwe DF2IR, Jim AB3CA, Neil W3ZQI, Tim W1TRT, Fred AI3Z,
Mike K4DUM, Les KC3OFR, Rich N3MOB Steve WA3ZWC, Kevin KC3KZ, Fred KA3CXQ Tom K3YH
Jeff KC3OQP, Charlie K2ZVV Sam W3SCB

Meeting started at 1800.

Meeting minutes – Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report – Bank balance \$4322.79. \$31.05 awaiting in the PayPal account. We received a donation from N6JIV of \$1002, one of the students in Rol's class. We just received a membership application from OK.

QSL Report – delayed from March from K3NY - Began with a balance of \$1.75 the club owed K3NY. Received 8 QSLs, all for December W2W. They contained \$3.48 in stamps and donations in excess of postage to return our QSL/certificate. This resulted in K3NY owing the club \$1.73. So far K3NY has received 100 QSLs from the 1043 Q's during the event.

K3NY sent out 12 QSLs and SASEs to schools contacted during the School Roundup. That cost \$13.92 (\$0.58 x 24). The result is the club now owes K3NY \$12.14. H3 still hasn't replenished any supplies so will carry over the balance to next month.

It may be worth discussing how we receive QSLs, since the future of the museum is hazy. I believe we should consider a different route, e.g. "QSL via K3NY". Your ideas are welcome.

Wednesday Net Report – Tom ran the last net from the Museum. Propagation is improving. More west coast stations are checking in, including several new first time check-ins. As always, anyone who is interesting in being a Net Control Operator can contact Tom and learn how.

Station status – The Ameritron worked fine with all of the automatic features. Fred has been working on a Drake that needed a power supply rebuild that Fred just completed. A suggestion was made to sell off the equipment that we are not using to reduce our equipment footprint prior to the museum closure.

Field Day – We have access to our standard location at the Rockburn branch park in Howard County for Field Day. We will operate either 2A or 3A depending on availability of operators.

The Mobileers are looking for VEs. They have moved their testing to the VFW and the first Tuesday of the month rather than the old schedule at the museum.

Jim N3GOO moved that the club dissolve at the end of 2022 and its assets be sold and the proceeds be donated to the ARRL Education Fund. Seconded by Ted WA3AER. Serious discussion ensued. An amendment to the motion was proposed to change the motion from dissolving the club to informing the greater membership of the details of the discussion in the July timeframe by a letter written by Tim W1TRT.

Vote on the amendment – Passed.

Vote on the Amended Motion – Motion Passed.

Tim will create a letter which will be vetted by the officers prior to distribution to the membership.

Meeting adjourned at 1953EST