

Minutes of the ARC NEM meeting July 12, 2022

In attendance were:

Ted WA3AER,	Jim N3GOO,	Neil W3ZQI,	Tim W1TRT,	Mike K4DUM,	Rick W7HGE
Tom KC3TAS,	Tyler K3MTR,	Melvin,	Fred KA3CXQ,	Steve WA3ZWC,	Dean VE4DMW,
Rob Pearce,	Charlie K2ZVV,	Jim AB3CA,	Jeff KC3OQP,	Neil W3ZQI,	Sam W3SCB,
Joseph Allen,	Nick K3NY				

Meeting started at 1800EDT.

Meeting minutes – Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer is on vacation (again) somewhere.

Field Day – Field Day was at Rockburn Branch park. Fred KA3CXQ showed some nice photographs of the operation. 1381 total contacts for a total of 5094 points. 974 on CW, 192 on digital, 215 on phone. 450 bonus points. Club voted to send \$100 contribution to the Howard County Parks and Recreation. Some interstation interference due to antenna locations and orientations but otherwise a very successful operation all around.

QSL/W2W Report – received 77 QSL requests so far. Minor issues with the software to create the certificates but we're certain that Nick will fix it.

Wednesday Net Report – No report as Tom and Fred are not present this meeting.

Future of club discussion – A letter was sent out before the May meeting listing issues in regard to the future of the club. The letter was accompanied by a request for comments and a suggestion to renew if not a member as it was mentioned that perhaps some members were reluctant to renew given the uncertainty of the future of the museum.

- The Museum is still looking and discussing locations for a possible relocation and the associated costs.
- Tim has grouped the comments received from the letters received.
 - Q1 – Does the club have enough interest and active members – yes.
 - Q2 – Does the club need a radio station – we'd like one
 - Q3 – Do we need a physical place for the club – rather have a physical place but could go virtual
 - Q4 – where can we establish a radio station? – no general consensus
 - Q5 – What happens to the classes? – classes are independent of the club
 - Q6 – what happens to the special events – Nice to have them, but may have to give up if no physical location from which to do them.
 - Q7 – how to divest material – no general consensus
- Point was brought up that we should have a plan in place to deal with the assets in case the museum does not continue, or NEM continues and there is no place for ourselves there.

Meeting adjourned at 1918 EDT