

## Loudoun Amateur Radio Group Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2017

### Official Agenda and Minutes:

1. 8:30-8:45 Coffee, meet and greet
2. Call to Order - 8:45
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Recognition and Welcome New Members and Guests
  - No new members or guests attended today's meeting.
5. Secretary minutes and acceptance
  - No changes from published notes of last meeting.
  - Motion to approve minutes was approved by member vote.
6. Treasurer's Report and acceptance
  - No changes since the budget from March.
  - Motion to approve the budget in it's current for was made and approved.
7. Upcoming Events
  - Field Day is June 24-25
  - Reston Bike Ride is August 27
  - Oktoberfest is September 29-30
8. Committee Reports
  - New Committees are being created now. The new committees, so far, are:
    - Contesting (including field day)
    - Welcoming (Carol is the chair)
    - Holiday party (John Unger, Nicole, Gloria)
    - Education (Rick, Paul, Jeff Crawford)
    - Nets
    - Communications
    - Legal affairs

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- John Unger / Paul Bluehosh - Contesting committee report with details as follows:
  - VA QSO party logs are due TODAY! Send a note to Paul and John that you participated so they can gauge the participation for the event. Donate to support the event if you can.
  - Chris Graves - Field Day 2017 update
    - Field Day is June 24-25
    - Chris is back in the game and organizing following the planning meeting last Thursday was successful start to event.
    - Planning 5A station entry this year.
    - Venue will be on W5ODJ QTH in Lovettsville.
    - There will be more meetings and more ways to participate.
    - We will have the "big board" on the web site where you will be able to sign up to participate in the way you desire.
    - All station captains have been assigned their stations. Most station co-captains have been assigned as well.
    - Get involved if you can. We need help setting things up and tearing things down (and everything in between).
  - ARRL Rookie Roundup Contest - Voice (tomorrow afternoon), Digital (summer) and CW (fall).
  - Welcoming Committee
    - Carol: No update at this time.
  - Holiday party
    - Christmas will happen this year on December 25. We believe this is the same as last year.
    - There were no further updates. Expect more later in the year.
  - Communication committee
    - If anyone wants to participate
  - Legal Affairs
    - No update
  - EOC update
    - John Westerman gave an update on the latest at the EOC with included a discussion on the new equipment there. Among other things.
    - If you want to participate in EOC, ARES or any other program please let John know.
  - Education Committee (Paul Bluehosh presenting)
    - Review and testing station in May. Paul is setting this up for anyone interested in participating.
    - Will be sending out e-mails for people interested in being an instructor for fall session.
    - We will keep everyone posted as dates get finalized.
    - We will hold instructor seminars this spring
      - Two or more as required
      - Instructors for fall must attend
    - Format will be mock classes/exams for instructors

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- Promote teamwork
- Standardization of Fall classes
- Comprehensive coverage of all exam material (not just radio and electronics)
- Instructors
  - Currently 8 instructors — are you interested?
    - Contact the education committee - [education@k3lrg.org](mailto:education@k3lrg.org)
    - [www.arrl.org/license-instructor-wqualifications](http://www.arrl.org/license-instructor-wqualifications)
    - Will require preparation outside of class
- Elmering
  - Contact the education committee if you want to be an “elmer”
  - Check the LARG Education web page on the Education tab of [k4lrg.org](http://k4lrg.org) for more information.
  - Look for notices in your e-mail inbox from the K4LRG e-mail reflector ([members@k4lrg.org](mailto:members@k4lrg.org)).
- “Getting on the Air” (GOTA) isn’t just for Field Day!
  - Get On The Air and “get your feet wet” in a contest.
  - Even if you don’t have a “Super Station”, you will gain contesting and general operating experience.
  - You don’t have to work the whole contest! Even if you are able to only get on for an hour or two, “Just Do It!”
  - Remember: Contests Exercise your Station Equipment, Antennas, and Improve YOUR Operating Skills.

#### 9. Old Business

- See the <http://www.k4lrg.org/> web site NETS tab for all of the details for all of the nets that we participate in during the week.
- ADA Ride May 13th - Need volunteers. See Chris Patton (WcCUM) if you want to help with this event.
- Halloween parade in Leesburg - Volunteers needed.
- 4th of July parade in Purcellville - Volunteers needed.

#### 10. New Business

- LF update from Frank Gentes. FCC has approved two allocations in LF. Frank is modeling the system to get an LF beacon up and running by Field Day.
- KE4S Dave is going to have an antenna party to help remodel his SteppIR situation at home. No date yet but coming up soon.
- There is a new tab on the web site named “Stories” which highlights member activities related to Amateur Radio.
- Board of directors vote was taken today. There were 34 people attending the meeting today. 29 of those members voted (85%) in this election. The number of voting was above the constitution required two thirds (66.67%) of the members present at the meeting today.

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- Confirmation to the board today was as follows:
  - John, W4AU, 28 votes
  - Dave, KE4S, 29 votes
  - Paul, N4PD, 29 votes
  - Jeff, K0ZR, 28 votes
  - Denny, KF4TJI, 28 votes
  - Carol, KF4TJJ, 28 votes
  - There weren't any "no" votes, only two ballots without a vote in some of the voting options.
  - Each person above has the requirements to attend the board, met minimum requirements for the position, followed the constitutional requirements to be considered and run on the board.
  - The vote is in favor for all of those considered for the board.
  - This is a special election to seat the current board as there is no board currently in place. The current board is in effect until the next regular vote in January 2018.
- 11. No door prizes were raffled to members due to time constraints of the meeting.
- 12. Meeting was Adjourned at April 15, 2017 09:28
- 13. After the business meeting programs for today:
  - No program was presented today

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ATTENDEES:

There were 34 people who signed the roster this morning:

1. KF4TJI Denny LEESBURG
2. KF4TJJ Carol LEESBURG
3. KG4TIH Paulson STERLING
4. N4TGA Merc LEESBURG
5. KE4OKY David RESTON
6. K0ZR Jeffrey PURCELLVILLE
7. KN4AWT James LEESBURG
8. KD7UIY Ben ASHBURN
9. N1RM Rick RESTON
10. KG4UPR Bryan POTOMAC FALLS
11. W4AAW Michael ROUND HILL
12. KJ4VTH Bill OAK HILL
13. KE4S Dave LEESBURG
14. KC5CG Chris ASHBURN
15. KR9D Rick LOVETTSVILLE
16. N2ALA Dwight LEESBURG
17. K5NOB Luther LEESBURG
18. N3EV Gene LEESBURG
19. N1NCY Nancy LEESBURG
20. N4PD Paul LEESBURG
21. WA4TXE David CHARLES TOWN
22. KK4NMR Shannon ASHBURN
23. KJ4GYL Kenneth HERNDON
24. KM4DLV David ASHBURN
25. W2YE Richard LEESBURG
26. K0BRA Frank GREAT FALLS
27. AI4UX Margaret GREAT FALLS
28. K9CQB Damon LEESBURG
29. KJ4PVI Gregory RESTON
30. KE4JEH Gloria LEESBURG
31. N2FID Paul LEESBURG
32. KM4VVU Nick LEESBURG
33. KJ4NXG Robert ROUND HILL
34. W5ODJ John LOVETTSVILLE

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Photos from our meeting today:

