

# Loudoun Amateur Radio Group

## Regular Meeting Notes June 19, 2021

Venue: Due to the ongoing national health crisis, the meeting was held virtually using Google Meet

- 8:00-8:30 The Google Meeting connection was active for informal discussions.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- President welcome and meeting overview.
- Jim N4FAF reported that the minutes from the May meeting can be accessed via the club web site.
- Steve KN4HOZ reported that the beginning balance in the club bank account was \$10,153.12 at the conclusion of the May meeting. There were \$144.85 total deposits recorded as payments in PayPal. There were \$289 in disbursements including payment to the ARRL for the club liability insurance. The ending balance is \$10,008.97.
- It was noted that there would be no club group activity for Field Day. Members who generate Field Day logs may designate the club by indicating Loudoun ARG as their club affiliation in their log.
- Support for the Reston bike ride is being organized. The leaders for the event are Paulson KG4TIH and John W5ODJ.
- The status of the Oktoberfest event in Lovettsville has not been decided by the town council. They will contact the club when and if the event is scheduled. The event will probably be smaller in size compared to previous years.
- A presentation for a scout group is being coordinate by Kevin AK2M and Steve KS1G. They will set up a satellite station and maybe an HF station. There is opportunity for other club members to support the event. The event will be held on July 1 at the Loudoun fare grounds. They will use the new trailer-based antennas.
- A Holiday Party is likely to be held in December. Details to follow using the club email reflector.
- A survey for club members has been distributed via email. The answers to the survey will be used to develop new education and participation events for the club.
- A new lead for the education committee is required. The club does not presently have the ability to administer license examinations. This capability will be added so the club can provide exams after the license classes are held. All club members are encouraged to become Volunteer Examiners. See the ARRL.org web site for details.

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- Nate Kidder presented information pertaining to his Eagle Scout project for Troop 2011. He completed an RF survey of the Lovettsville Oktoberfest site. Good coverage was indicated for all areas of the site to a likely base station on the site.

The Reston Bike ride route was checked using simplex signals. The results indicate that Bears Den is suggested for a net control spot. Terrain prevented coverage to many northern sites. Coverage for these areas might be improved by using a cross band repeater. Results of the surveys will be provide to the club.

- Kevin KO4NMN is trying to tune an antenna for the 6-meter band. Club members are encouraged to participate in the net and all nets to help analyze directional coverage of new antenna installations.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM.

- Attendance

Dave	KE4S
Chris	KT9N
Bryan	KO4QKM
Bryan	KG4UPR
Chris	W4PMP
Harry	KI2H
Jim	N4FAF
John	WB2UNA
Kevin	AK2M
Kevin	KO4NMN
Mike	KO4ANI
Mike	N4PDY
Denny	KF4TJI
Paulson	KG4TIH
Rick	N1RM
Scott	KD7VIX
Steve	KS1G
Tony	KY4IC