

K.A.R.C. May 2022 Board Meeting

May 9th, 2022

Meeting started at: 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:15 pm

Attendees:

Alex Stuart (KE8ICM)

Chuck Agosti (WD8AXA) - Absent, illness

Christoph Hartel (KD8QNL)

John Tucker (WB8ZVV)

George Foley (K3CP)

Ken Irish Jr. (W8JVP)

Old Business and Agenda Items:

- Board Position transitions and follow ups
 - Bank account transfer was started with Christoph and Alex.
 - Paperwork signed, waiting on Website access and new Debit Card.
 - Radio room key was given to George.
 - No update on Red Cross access badges for George or Christoph.
- Field Day Planning
 - Volunteers Sheet is in the Event planning folder in Google Drive here:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1l_n-B8ss-LiMoeBcDHONt21CFpDoMC-HP/edit?usp=sharing&oid=101330561640161208596&rtpof=true&sd=true
 - Alex will be coming up with the planning list over the next month and identifying volunteering and equipment needs/opportunities.
- Membership Access to Club Shack
 - A former President and current club member would like some semi-regular access to the club shack as they live within walking distance and don't have the ability to have radio equipment in their living facilities.
 - Alex proposed a new program to open up the Club shack on a monthly or potentially weekly basis to accommodate and allow for others to join in.
 - Board member would need to be available to open the building and shack
 - Schedule of rotating board members to open the shack would be desirable
 - Board Members must be trained on and knowledgeable about club equipment and operations
 - Once a month to start
 - Activity Day/Operational vs. Topic/Conversation day
 - Operational days could be different days/times to get different people, conditions, and nets
 - Topics can be informal demonstrations of various modes, roundtable discussions of a technical nature, etc.. but primarily

geared towards new hams and what the group wants to learn about and experience.

- Survey at upcoming meeting(s) about:
 - In person survey would be best to start with
 - Online survey would be good as well, but we expect poor results
 - Topics of interest to new and participating members
 - Available days/times
 - Elmers and their skill sets
- Proposed August startup date to give time to prepare a bit.
 - Follow up tasks
 - Familiarize / train board members on available club equipment and operations
 - Create written instructions for radio room equipment and operations
 - Survey members
- Notes from John
 - Get a few experienced people on board for helping new guys without harassment, everyone starts somewhere should be the mentality
 - Has been tried in the past, low attendance and board members often sat around with a book or alternative project to kill time
- Perhaps a CW Training course if interest
- May Meeting Topic/Activity
 - Steering away from POTA at Kalhaven for a few reasons
 - May weather tends to be unpredictable
 - Alex is also running the Hamfest meeting before the KARC Meeting
 - Alex is worried about too many operating activities with field day coming up in June as well
 - Topic after discussion will be: Logging, Logging Software, QSLing
- W8VY.org domain ownership
 - Alex will work with Dave to transfer Domain.
 - May need to coordinate with Christoph as well if there are fees involved, probably should add him to the QTH.com account as a backup.

New Business

- Kit Build
 - Possibly for November time frame, need some lead time to plan and group buy whatever kit we decide on
 - Option 1
 - <https://qrpguys.com/qrpguys-code-trainer>
 - \$20 kit, 30 min build time
 - Practice oscillator for Straight Key, Bug, Paddles

- Receive practice mode sends 5 character groups of semi-random Letters, Numbers, Punctuation
 - 3d printed case files available and could be printed for a low cost to members
- Still seeking alternative kit ideas, but the above seemed like a good option 1
- George had some thoughts on Engagement. To help people feel welcomed and engaged we should make sure to acknowledge members through introduction of new folks.
 - Alex's comments were that we usually go through introductions at the beginning of every meeting, identifying and welcoming new folks in the process. Although we don't always catch new folks, we do try. One past secretary had kept and acknowledged birthdays each month as well as license upgrades/recent awards.
 - Alex will try to re-incorporate some of these ideas in future meetings as he gets a better handle on the secretary roles and files.