



# AADARC Minutes

January 15, 2020 Meeting

Minutes Taken by Mark, AD6TG, AADARC Secretary

## Meeting Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 18:20 hours by Gary, AADARC President

Pledge of Allegiance led by Gary

Members Present:

Gary, Brian, Darrin, Susan, Mark, Bryce

Ben Holmes, KN6GQS is a guest but joined at the close of the meeting

Agenda for the meeting was reviewed and a motion to approve the agenda was made by Gary, seconded by Darin, all agreed, agenda approved

Member and guest introductions

Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Gary, seconded by Brian, all agreed, minutes approved.

Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Brian, seconded by Gary, all agreed, minutes approved.

Treasurers report: Current balance is \$676.74. Brian will provide to Gary the final accounting of 2019. Expenditures were for the Tech class books which were recovered once the students for the class signed up. Also, the club donated to the AVARC for the replacement of the Hauser repeater.

## Old Business

AVARC Hauser repeater contribution. Brian outlined the changes to the repeater as a result of the purchase of the new repeater. Installation of the new repeater should be scheduled soon. The AADARC club contributed to the new repeater.

## New Business

**Annual Elections** -- Gary discussed adding a co-chair position that would include someone from the Acton area since Gary lives in Agua Dulce. Members discussed and agreed that filling the vice president position would be preferable and not require any changes to the club charter.

Gary nominated Mark for the position of President. Mark declined the nomination in order to focus on completing the website. Gary was then the single nomination for President and agreed to serve another term. All voted in favor and Gary was reelected.

Brian was nominated for the position of Treasurer and agreed to serve another term. All voted in favor. Brian was reelected.

David was nominated for the open position of Vice President. He agreed and all voted in favor. David was elected.

Mark was nominated for the position of Secretary and agreed to serve another term. All voted in favor. Mark was reelected.

**Club dues** – Club dues were collected from members attending for CY 2020 at the amount of \$25 per member or \$30 per family.

**AADARC website** -- Mark reviewed the new website and outlined the intended goal of drawing in new radio operators and club members. He offered to make additions and changes as club members review and make suggestions.

It was discussed that having a member page on the website was not needed.

It was discussed that having a Paypal link for paying club dues was not needed.

It was discussed that adding a calendar page to the website would be desirable. Mark will investigate.

Darrin agreed to have the Country Journal refer to the club website in future editions.

Brian has asked the AVARC to add a link from their website to the AADARC website.

Gary agreed to have the Acton Agua Dulce Disaster Planning website link to the new AADARC website.

**Comm Trailer** -- Gary provided an overview of the current state of the comm trailer. It was decided that we need a document describing what the trailer would be used for and the overall scope of the project. Darrin has agreed to head up the planning process and will report progress at the February club meeting.

**Community Outreach / New Members** -- A discussion was held on various ways to bring in new club members and to grow the ranks of Amateur Radio operators. Mark suggested a winter / spring event such as participate in Winter Field Day. It was decided that January 25<sup>th</sup> was too soon for effective planning.

Mark agreed to post a paper invite for the club meetings at the Acton Market each month.

A discussion of the upcoming club calendar and presentations that can be made. Mark will put together a calendar. Darin has agreed to talk about solar and battery power at the February meeting.

**Field Day plans** -- Add it to the club calendar once it's created.

**General Class** -- Running a General License class was discussed. It appears that it's more practical for the club to run a Technician class and simply offer to help people on a case by case basis who are working on their General Class License.

## **Open Forum**

David mentioned that he could use help planning a tower for his yard. Several members offered to come and take a look.

Brian discussed his work with the Scouts up at Edwards AFB in October. It was a well planned event and the kids made many contacts.

Brian mentioned the ARES meeting coming up at the AV hospital on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Brian mentioned that there is now a weekly Winlink exercise group being operated by W6JBG. Send W6JBG a Winlink message for more information or contact Brian directly.

Brian stressed that going out in the field and working with your radio gear as often as possible develops your skills in setting up antennas and operations.

Gary mentioned that he has a contact for a JPL tour.

Ben mentioned that ARRL now has a new Magazine called "On The Air". Its oriented for new operators.

## **Meeting Adjourned**

Gary made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David seconded. All approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:27 hours