

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
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November 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM. Introductions of members present were made.

The 21 club members in attendance were: Ron Startzel - KB5LNC, Hugh Katz - K3HU, Phil Kania - KJ4GYJ, Gary Sessums - KC5QCN, Matt Skowronski - KJ4PUR, Steven Karty - N5SK, John Kim - KM4HAQ, Dennis Orcutt - W5WHY, Don Lewis - KI4D, Cynthia Kellams - KJ4CLK, Marcella Clark - KG5DOO, Dennis Wilson - KD4WGN, Tim Carey - K4CTC, John Price Van Cleave - KN4YPH, Ken Karr - NG2H, Marcus Johnson, Erich Schwarz, and via telephone conference bridge, Eugene Kaiser - KI4BUI, Bryan Clements - KC1ENT, Rae Ohlert - N5VFR, and Ed Ohlert - KN4DKI.

A motion was made by Marcella Clark-KG5DOO to approve the October 2019 meeting minutes. USMC Lieutenant Colonel John Price Van Cleave-KN4YPH seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

It was noted that Ken Heitner-WB4AKK has procured the donation to the club of a SCS PTC-IIpro multi-port multi-mode HF/VHF/UHF communications controller that has been upgraded to Pactor III capability. This radio modem will allow higher data rate connectivity on the Winlink HF radio email system than our current Pactor I modem.

K4AF was on the air for the 62nd annual Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) and the visit of Sea Scout Ship 1942 to the Pentagon on Saturday October 19, 2019. The Sea Scouts made amateur radio contacts with other Scouts at JOTA stations located around the United States. Thanks to Sammi Branker-KN4DXY, Jonathan Branker-KJ4GYR, Gary Sessums-KC5QCN, and Phil Kania-KJ4GYJ for hosting the Scouts.

It was noted that longtime PARC member Vice Admiral Charles Richard-USN, W4HFZ, has been promoted to Admiral and confirmed by the U. S. Senate to serve as the next head of United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) at Offutt Air Force Base.

The 44th annual Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) was held on Sunday, October 27, 2019. The Marine Corps has sent a letter of appreciation for the use of the station's K4AF 70cm voice repeater and K4AF-6 six-meter digipeater for amateur radio support during the marathon.

Guest speaker Ken Karr-NG2H, Captain USN Retired, gave a briefing on the upcoming DXpedition, of which he is a member, to the South Orkney Islands, located between the tip of South America and Antarctica, scheduled for February-March 2020. Information about the DxPedition is available on-line at www.sorkney.com.

The next PARC meeting will be the annual Christmas party with refreshments scheduled for Wednesday December 4, 2019 at 12:00 PM in the Pentagon MARS Station, room 5D1061A

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 PM.