

MEETING NOTES

13 APRIL 2023

Board: President – Ann Tenaglia, KA3KCJ

Vice President – Erin Farmer, KM4WSK

Treasurer – Paul Keener, K3TH

Secretary – Kevin DePaul, N4SEN

CALL TO ORDER:

President, Ann Tenaglia, KA3KCJ, called the meeting to order at 1915 hours, and introduced the evening's guest speaker, Bob Wilson, W3BIG, the Eastern PA Section Manager, along with Chris Kelleher, W3CTK, the Delaware County ARES/RACES Coordinator.

Club Vice President, Erin Farmer, KM4WSK, introduced herself and announced that the club t-shirts were available for order at a cost of \$25.00 each and those interested in purchase should sign the order sheet. Erin then reminded everyone that a "POTA" (Parks On The Air) event would be taking place this Saturday at the Barnham Pavilion in Valley Forge State Park

starting around 0900 hours, rain or shine. All are invited to participate.

Ann then requested that all participants identify themselves by name and callsign.

Club treasurer, Paul Keener, KT3H, gave a brief report on the club finances.

Alex Pierce, KC3KMV, one of the club net controllers, made a call for volunteers to give a try at being a net controller, either on a regular basis or as a stand-in. A copy of the net control script is available on the club website.

Following the announcements, Ann introduced Bob Wilson who provided an informative discussion on ARES/RACES as part of each county's Emergency Services Department. He noted that Delaware County has a need for more volunteers, as at present there are only about twenty members available. Training is provided both by classroom and on-line sessions, with live training exercises held on a routine basis. For more information, individuals may contact Bob at: W3BIG@ARRL.ORG.

Bob then introduced Chris Kelleher, W3CTK, who provided a brief discussion on the Delaware County ARES/RACES organization, location, present capabilities, and an overview of the National Incident Management System, which is the basis for all emergency communications training for ARES. Chris noted that DelCo has a weekly on-air meeting at 1930 hours on frequency 447.775 on the W3KG repeater, with the exception of

the second Monday of the month, which is the monthly meeting night.

Following Chris's presentation, Bob Wilson reported that the Eastern PA ARRL Section is reinitiating a call for ham radio "mentors" to assist those interested in becoming a ham with their radio background and preparation for passing the ARRL exams for licensing.

Following the presentations, Erin Farmer presented Bob Wilson with a club coffee mug as a token of the club's appreciation for his presentation.

The following 31 individuals attended the meeting:

1. WB3JAC, John Cunnion
2. WB3FJB, Feliks Bortkiewicz
3. N4SEN, Kevin DePaul
4. Justine Brady
5. N3QB, Matt Carango
6. N3FG, Frank Getz
7. Ed Pierce
8. KC3KMOV, Alex Pierce
9. KC3USB Dave Ingram
10. N3PEG, Peg Daly
11. KC3VTF, Michael Pentihall

12. K3TH, Paul Keener
13. AA3EO, Neal Blaho
14. N3ZP, Phil Zminda
15. K2HA, Fred Schramm
16. K3RJR, Royd Nuckols
17. KB3SUS, Mike Thomas
18. W3JG, Jim Goldman
19. N30MR, Mike Lebrun
20. W3BIG, Bob Wilson
21. KC3PYU, Dave Klapholz
22. KC3VHU, Tim Searl
23. W3YDC, John Nielans
24. KM4WSK, Erin Farmer
25. KC3RYS, Bill O'Reilly
26. NI20, Mark Phillips
27. W3VT, Vic Tenaglio
28. KC3KCJ, Ann Tenaglio
29. AC3IK, Ed Sweeney
30. W3CTK, Chris Kelleher
31. Craig

The 50-50 drawing was won by KC3VTF, Mike.

The meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours.