



**The American Legion Nelson County KY  
Post 42 Amateur Radio Club  
Meeting Minutes**

April 13, 2020

**I. Call to order**

KE4KBM - President John Czerwinski called to order the **April** regular meeting of The American Legion Nelson County KY Post 42 Amateur Radio Club aka Club, Meeting at approximately **1800 HRS EDT**

Meeting Place: ZOOM Virtual Room

**II. Members Present**

The following persons were present in the virtual meeting.

KE4KBM, John Czerwinski – President  
KI4RDT – Charlie Cantrill - Vice Pres  
ND8G, Bud Hightower – Treasurer  
N2GWK, George Kaneff – Secretary  
KD4NSU, Bill Adams - Member  
KN4RFJ, Shawn Schaffner - Member  
W4CMY, Chandler Young - Member  
“W1FE” Sidney Young - Visitor

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

<b>Minutes Presented</b>	A copy of March 2020 Minutes was posted on Facebook Page. These minutes were reviewed on line by W4CMY with overview by N2GWK
<b>Called for Motion by</b>	John, KE4KBM
<b>Move to Accept by</b>	Bud, ND8G
<b>Seconded by</b>	Bill, KD4NSU
<b>Discussion</b>	None
<b>Vote to Accept</b>	Passed no opposition
<b>Comments</b>	Chandler requested email of approved minutes for posting on club website <a href="http://www.kb4ky.org">www.kb4ky.org</a>



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**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Bud, ND8G gave the financial report.

- 1.) One new member joined, Paul Kiener NC9W.
- 2.) There is currently \$522.75 in the bank.
- 3.) Due to suspension of Legion Meetings, we do not have an answer on the debit card. There Bud suggested that Chandler pay via his debit with immediate re-imburement from club checking account. Insurance will be \$274.20. Shawn moved to write club check for said amount, George K. seconded. John called the vote, unanimous consent.

**V. Old Business**

- 1.) John, KE4KBM called for reports on Old Business
- 2.) John suggested we not move forward with Weather Ambassador due to level of commitment. There was a general consensus not pursue this at this time.
- 3.) Skywarn training link <https://www.weather.gov/skywarn/> left in agenda due to recent tornado activity.
- 4.) Bill KD4NSU is still working on net list, compiling data for presentation.
- 5.) E-town Hamfest and testing suspended till further notice due to virus issue.
- 6.) Due to stay at home order we have not met with building owner concerning keys to legion hall.
- 7.) Bud reports that Roy is to keep him in the loop via email regarding any Flaget Coms testing etc. Bud is sure that it is on hold with hospital lockout due to virus. John queried how they would respond in the event coms were required. It is assumed that it will be up to them to make the necessary determination of need etc.
- 8.) Still no further determination on bingo / fund raising due to virus etc.
- 9.) John KE4KBM and Bud ND8G were able to get the Red Cross HT Batteries charged before the virus lock down. Red Cross shelter connectivity tests have been tabled until further notice.
- 10.) Storage facility and storage of equipment has been tabled until further notice.



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- 11.) Rotating Net Control, Bill KD4NSU to get Net Preamble to Chandler W4CMY for posting.
- 12.) Website Rules. Facebook participation was openly discussed. George N2GWK will set up a Google Drive for use.
- 13.) Charlie to contact Josh Edlin WW4KB to get kb4ky.com domain back.
- 14.) ARES Connect KY. Bud ND8G explained Connect and what it does. Bud will post link via email for all to enjoy / join-in etc.

#### **VI. New business**

- 1.) Shawn KN4RFJ brought forth ideas on Simplex net. Bill suggested 146.58 for simplex frequency. Shawn will write up a preamble which will be an abbreviated preamble from KB4KY Sunday night net. Time - Saturday at 8:30 pm Eastern Time. Shawn will propose a scheduled start date.
- 2.) Shawn KN4RFJ discussed 4 pieces of donated equipment from Shawn's brother, Chris Schaffner, KN4JWU. Shawn will hold units until club gets a storage location.
  - a. Kenwood TKR-750 Version 2, 50 Watt VHF Repeater with onboard controller with Software, programming cable will be loaned.
  - b. Kenwood TKR-740 5 Watt VHF Repeater with analog Front End, Transmit only.
  - c. TNC for APRS.
  - d. Radio Systems 6 cavity UHF Duplexer (Business Band) out of a 50 watt Motorola. This should be able to be tuned to the Amateur Band.
- 3.) Chandler W4CMY posited that the TKR-750 could be repurposed for D-STAR needs frequency pairs, antenna, hardline and tower location.
- 4.) Charlie KI4RDT announced availability of AREAS preamble on KB4KY.org page.
- 5.) Chandler W4CMY will put Simplex announcement on KB4KY.org
- 6.) Regarding tower climbing for additional UHF antenna, Arnold has tower work coming up soon so we may be able to dovetail into his tower work by possibly sharing in some of the cost.
  - a. John KE4KBM to stimulate Post 42 for transfer of \$1000 donation to club.



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- b. Chandler W4CMY to reach out to Kyle K4KTR re: donation of hardline and UHF antenna.
- c. Chandler W4CMY to reach out to Arnold, the Tower Owner, regarding impending work and adding another antenna on tower and possible cost to club.

7.) Chandler W4CMY discussed recent repeater issues.

- a. Cable worn and grounding out to the chassis of repeater causing dead key activity. Cable was replaced by Chandler and Kyle K4KTR.
- b. External noise causing interference on input of repeater.
  - i. Time out on controller was changed from 5 minutes to 1.5 minutes.
  - ii. Squelch floor was raised to help filter out input interference.
  - iii. Transmit inhibit was implemented for remote takedown code. FM requires DTMF, Fusion requires Pager Codes.
  - iv. Echolink was taken down to rule out issues.
  - v. George N2GWK has put a VOX recorder on a computer monitoring the repeater and will send Chandler a copy of the file(s).

8.) Due to the COVID-19 issue, Field Day will not be held at Bill's work place. An alternative site must be selected. George N2GWK to forward recently received ARRL email to group.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Being no more questions or further discussion on the proposed activities a motion to adjourn was made by Bud, ND8G and seconded by Bill KD4NSU.

KE4KBM - President John Czerwinski adjourned the meeting at approximately 19:00 EDT.



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**VIII. Show and Tell Session**

There was no formal show and tell however Charlie, KI4RDT, shared some web pages on Pandemic and PPE supplies. Some informal discussion ensued regarding Field Day.

-----**End of Minutes**-----

<b>Minutes Read by</b>	Minutes were posted to Facebook Group Page for reading by all members. Re-reading was not deemed necessary. Motion to accept called at May 11, 2020 meeting.
<b>Called for Motion by</b>	John KE4KBM
<b>Move to Accept by</b>	Bud, ND8G
<b>Seconded by</b>	Chandler, W4CMY
<b>Vote to Accept</b>	Unanimous
<b>Entered into Record</b>	Signed: George Kaneff N2GWK Title: Secretary Date: May 12, 2020



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## **Attachment/Insertion – Meeting Agenda**

American Legion KY Post 42 Radio Club  
Agenda  
18 April 2020

Convene Meeting: (ZOOM Meeting)  
Secretary's Minutes of Last Meeting:  
Treasurer's Report:

### Old Business:

8 – 9 April Nelson County Tornado  
NOAA Weather Ambassador Report. ke4kbn  
Weather Ready Nation Ambassador (see attached)  
Skywarn training: <https://www.weather.gov/skywarn/>  
Online Spotter training program: online\_spotter\_program  
Bill – status of Net List. kd4nsu  
Due to Governor's Executive Order E'town Hamfest and testing are  
suspended until further notice. ke4kbn  
Club Officers meet with building owner (Mark) has not yet happened.  
No promised date. Still no keys. ke4kbn  
Coordinate w/Roy on Flaget Coms: nd8g  
Fund raising –  
Due to Governor's Executive Order we have no further  
info and, therefore, no possibility of Bingo.  
Some thought to a Walmart collection with a radio  
demonstration.  
Completed Red Cross battery charging.  
Red Cross Shelter connectivity – idea to replace it with a connectivity  
test at our home QTH. Duplex and Simplex  
Storage facility – nothing further  
Rotating Net control.  
Web Site Rules. w4cmy  
Membership Guidelines  
Disciplining Members  
Josh England Contact: kb4rdt  
ARES Connect Kentucky  
Any old business I forgot?

### New Business

Zoom meeting courtesy of n2gwk  
Any New Business?

### Items for the good of the Club

Simplex Net  
D-Star connectivity

Accept Motion to close meeting

**End of Agenda**