



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

Feb 08, 2021

I. Call to order

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

Meeting Place: American Legion Post 42 Meeting Hall.

II. Members Present

The following persons were present in the meeting.

KE4KBM, John Czerwinski – President

KI4RDT, Charlie Cantrill – Vice President

ND8G, Bud Hightower – Treasurer

N2GWK, George Kaneff – Secretary

KO4FPO, Chris Gootee - Member

KO4GGE, John Allen – Member

AE4NU, Tom Kruer – Member

N4PEI, Jerry Parrott – Member

KN4RFJ, Shawn Schaffner – Member

III. Secretary's Report

The November 2020 and January 2021 Meeting Minutes were available on the Group Page prior to the February Meeting, reading was not required. John called for a motion to approve those minutes as posted. Chris, KO4FPO so moved, Bud, ND8G seconded. Motion was voted on and carried without dissent.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Bud, ND8G, read the treasurer's report. Club bank balance \$1,766.61. The Clubs checking account has \$72.00 which belongs to the VE Group. Dues deposit of \$210.00. Check written to ARRL VE for \$80. Received and deposited \$150 cash from John Czerwinski. The club currently has 16 members of which 7 have renewed for 2021.



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John called for motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read, Chris, KO4FPO so moved with a second by George N2GWK. Motion passed.

V. Old Business

- 1.) No report on the Net List due to absence of Bill, KD4NSU.
- 2.) Bud and John now have keys to the building and the discussion with the building owner has been tabled until some return of the situation to normalcy.
- 3.) Chris, KO4FPO brought forth the idea of contacting Mark the building owner regarding use of one of his other buildings for radio club area. Chris will pursue this and report back to the club.
- 4.) License Testing. Archie's group has suspended testing till March at the request of the Radcliff Fire Department where the testing was taking place. We have been receiving requests and processing said requests. John discussed a recent visually impaired candidate and how we might accommodate his needs.
- 5.) Chandler, W4CMY did not attend due to self-quarantine and could not report on the Repeater.
- 6.) Shawn, KN4RFJ reported on Simplex net. Activity was down due to holidays.
- 7.) Bill, KD4NSU was not present and could not report on the repeater net.
- 8.) Red Cross batteries were charged On Feb 3. Still no response from the Red Cross replacement for Lewis Mitchell.
- 9.) Winter Field Day – General report on WFD activity with discussion regarding the event ensued.
- 10.) Chris, KO4FPO reported on the proposed By Laws amendment regarding membership renewal. Motion for Amendment as written was proposed by Chris with effectivity of June 1 2021. Bud, ND8G Seconded. Motion passed. Said motion will be emailed to George for insertion in the By Laws.
- 11.) Field Day – Open discussion on location / local 'field', new club location. Further discussion will take place at March meeting.



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12.) John reminded members about training courses in the meeting itinerary.

VI. New business

1.) John, KE4KBM offered his 'State of the Club' report. (See Attached)

VII. Adjournment

Being no more questions or further discussion on the current and proposed activities a motion to adjourn was made by Bud, ND8G, seconded by Shawn, KN4RFJ

KE4KBM - President John Czerwinski adjourned the meeting at approximately 18:50 ET.

VIII. Show and Tell Session

There was no formal show and tell.

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

Minutes Read by	February Minutes was posted to Facebook page for review, reading was not required.
Motion Called for Approval by	John, KE4KBM
Move to Accept by	Bud, ND8G
Seconded by	John, KO4GGE
Discussion	None
Vote to Accept	Unanimous
Entered into Record	16 March 2021 George Kaneff, N2GWK - Secretary



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Agenda
February 2021

Convene Meeting: (In-person Meeting) Introduce Self

Ask: Any Visitors?

Individual Introduces Self

Ask: Any New Member Candidates?

Introduce self

Send out of room

Any comments?

Vote

Return prospects and give results of vote

Secretary's Report: George, n2gwk

Minutes of last meeting (January 2021)

Treasurer's Report: Bud, nd8g

Funds status plus increase in \$\$ required to support license testing.

New Licenses or upgrades earned:

Old Business:

- Tabled Items:
 - o Status of Net List - Bill (Tabled from August meeting). Bill, can you resume work on this now?
 - o Club Officers (ke4kbn and nd8g) keys to Building. Conversation w/ building owner tabled no projected date.
 - o Fund raising – Planning target shifted until Spring 2021
- License Testing:
 - o Archie Mack's Hardon County testing delayed Radcliff Fire Department until March 2021.
 - o Already received two requests for pre-test information for our 27 February 2021 test session and one request for our 27 March 2021.
 - o Preparations begun for next testing session Saturday, 27 February 2021.
- Repeater Update: Shawn & Chandler
 - o Simplex Net – Shawn
 - o Repeater Net – Bill
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- Red Cross: Batteries charged. 3 February 2021
 - Email from Louis Mitchell: Moved to new Position. Have not heard from replacement yet.
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Winter Field Day

- o Participation / Log submission discussion
 - John, ke4kbn
 - Bud, nd8g
 - George, n2gwk
 - Bill, kd4nsu
 - Others?
- ARRL June Field Day

Any old business I overlooked?

New Business

Any Other New Business?

Items for the good of the Club

Recommended training:

Online app: Ham Radio Exam - Technician by Roy Watson

Skywarn training: <https://www.weather.gov/skywarn/>

Online Spotter training program: online_spotter_program

FEMA courses

Course List: <https://training.fema.gov/is/crslst.aspx>

ARES needed FEMA courses:

IS-00100c, Introduction to the Incident Command System

IS200, Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response

IS-00700b, An Introduction to the National Incident Management System

IS-0800d, National Response Framework, An Introduction,

ARRL courses

- [Course Descriptions:-](#)

Click on the name of the course below for more information, including a course description, pre-requisites, a syllabus with a list of topics, course requirements, and examples of course activities.

- [EC-001: Introduction to Emergency Communication+](#)
- [EC-016: Public Service and Emergency Communications Management for Radio Amateurs+](#)
- [PR-101: Public Relations 101 for Radio Amateurs](#)



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Accept Motion to close meeting.

Meeting closed at:



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KE4KBM's State of the Club Report

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State of the Club – January 2021

Two years ago at this time in the year what passed for a radio club in Bardstown, KY was about to become nothing more than a periodic dinner meeting of Radio Hams to talk about radios and radio technology. At any given meeting we had from two to four Hams. Every year we had to take up a supplemental collection to make up the difference between what we had in our bank account (dues from 5 hams) and the insurance payment to protect our repeater sponsor.

Last year at this time the radio club had just had its first monthly meeting as the newly constituted Post 42 Radio Club. We had 9 members at that meeting, enough money in the bank to pay the repeater insurance, potential new members interested in coming to the radio club meeting and a grant from Post 42 to support radio club operations.

Over the past year the Post 42 Radio Club has continued to expand its presence in the central Kentucky community. The Volunteer Examiners from Post 42 have allied with the Hardon County VE Team to conduct ARRL VEC license test sessions in Radcliff, KY and two here in Bardstown (one in October 2020 and the second in Jan 2021). There were some glitches during the first exam session. Nevertheless, the VE team was praised as handling the test session well. The second exam session went much smoother. Candidates praised the smooth way the test session was handled. At both Bardstown exam sessions, we had 11 candidates from as far away as Indiana, and near Danville. All 22 candidates qualified for the primary exam they came to take. Of the 5 who took a follow-on exam 2 advanced to the next grade (General). Of the other 3 all came within 2 questions of making a clean sweep of the day. One of our own members has advanced from no license through Technician and General to Extra class and achieved Volunteer Examiner certification.

This past year saw the first time in recent years that KB4KY had a score reported in the 2020 Field Day results list. This year the club participated in Winter Field Day as a club. At least 4 members provided logs for the January 2021 WFD. Significantly, the club received the donation of enough HF & VHF radios as well as enough coax cable, antennas, and ancillary equipment to establish a radio club station. Unfortunately, the COVID19 pandemic has prevented setting up that station.

Going forward this year we have the ARRL June Field Day to look forward to and the opportunity to assemble our club station. Our financial position is sound. The current bank balance is: \$1,766.61. Seventy-two dollars (\$72.00) of that belongs to the VE Group. Membership is now 80% higher than when the club was founded. Our current membership total is: 16 members. Seven members have already paid dues for 2021.

All of this represents a significant change from the radio club status 2 years ago.