

## Active Amateurs Radio Group - General Meeting (12/19/2024)

### Quick recap

The team discussed various issues related to their club's membership, website, and financial status, including a pending membership issue, progress on the website's donation processing system, and the need for a clear vision and goals for the club's future. They also discussed potential club activities and events, such as POTA activations and a field day, and addressed technical issues with voting and managing multiple websites. Lastly, they discussed the importance of reliable communication and the potential of video conferencing, with the announcement of 10 new members bringing the club's total membership to 47.

### Next steps

- Greg to research and provide information on registering the club call sign for POTA activations.
- Glenn and Mark to continue managing and monitoring donations through the new system.
- Howard to coordinate with Justin and Ruth Ann regarding the Technical and Education Committee.
- Howard to follow up on the Emergency Communications Committee formation.
- Mark to fill out and submit the 1023 form to the IRS for 501(c)(3) status after sufficient funds are available.
- Mark to prepare end-of-year financial reports for the next meeting.
- Howard to plan and coordinate future club activities, potentially including POTA activations and Winter Field Day.

### Summary

#### New Member Call Sign Discrepancy

Glenn, Mark, and Jason discussed a pending membership issue. They discovered a discrepancy in the call sign of a new member, K4LBB, which didn't match his name or phone number. Glenn suggested that the issue might be due to a last-minute change. The team decided to investigate further to identify the correct member.

#### Website Progress and Raffle Plans

Glenn, Mark, and Howard discussed the progress of their website, which now allows for donations. They clarified that donations can be made up to \$70 at a time, and there's also an option for monthly subscriptions. They also mentioned that they are working on a raffle for a DMR radio. The team had a quorum of six members for their meeting, and they received a donation of \$20 from Beverly. Mark had to leave to get the raffle bucket.

## Club Progress and Membership Update

In the meeting, Howard and Glenn discussed the progress of the club, which has been in existence for over a month and a half. They mentioned that they have made significant progress in terms of bank accounts and the ability to accept money from others. Glenn reported that there are currently 37 active members in the club and 10 pending members, who will be voted on during the meeting. The club requires a quorum of six people to make decisions, and they have more than that present.

## Website Donation System and Finances

Glenn and Mark discussed the progress on the website's donation processing system, which allows for donations via major credit cards, PayPal, Google Pay, Apple Pay, and Amazon. They also mentioned the possibility of adding Venmo in the future. The current maximum transaction limit is set at \$70, with the option for subscriptions. Glenn reported that multiple donations have been made in the past 48 hours. Mark then discussed the financial status, stating that they have \$348.50 in cash on hand for operations, with an additional \$140 from raffle income. He also mentioned that they need to raise enough money to submit the IRS form for 501(c)(3) status and maintain a minimum balance in the bank to avoid service fees.

## Club Activities and POTA Activations

The group discusses potential club activities and events. Jason suggests organizing POTA activations, participating in Winter Field Day, and promoting the club on Facebook. Glenn mentioned that POTA activations using the club call sign might fulfill several requirements for the club's non-profit status if there is a quorum of club members present. Greg and Monroe provide details on how to register the club call sign for POTA and use both personal and club calls simultaneously during activations. The group seems interested in pursuing these ideas to engage members and meet organizational goals.

## Progress Update and Upcoming Activities

Howard led the meeting, discussing the progress on various action items from the previous meeting. The bank account establishment was reported as complete, and the Facebook post about the course date change was also completed. Glenn updated the website with the finalized constitution and bylaws. The National Weather Service visit was successful. The committee formations and assignments were still pending, with Jason taking on event coordination duties. The AI videos for training were in progress, with part one completed and part two underway. The team also discussed upcoming activities, with a potential field day planned for January. The conversation ended with an open forum for members to raise questions or provide comments.

## Budget Allocation and Club Vision

In the meeting, KF5CJG raised concerns about the allocation of the club's budget and the lack of a clear vision or goals for the club's future. Glenn explained that the club uses a system called Donor Box to create campaigns for specific goals, such as purchasing new equipment. He also mentioned the possibility of using the system to track donations for specific goals. KK4NNY-Mark clarified that there are unrestricted funds for general use and restricted funds for specific campaigns. Howard agreed with the need for a clear vision and mission, and suggested that these would be developed

once the club's official status was secured. The conversation ended with no further questions or comments.

## New members

The membership had an electronic vote and there were 10 candidates to become members of the club and all were approved by the membership as a result of the electronic vote.

### *New members:*

- AJ4WT Mike Hiott
- AK4KZ Chris Lonsberry
- K4JWL James Lewis
- K4WDI Dukes Isgett
- KB4ARF RICH JENNINGS
- KJ4BUF David Tawes
- KK4QJS Brian Cantley
- KQ4DIA Ron Stroud
- KQ4NBN James Weaver
- W4ANT Alan Fitzsimmons

## Improving Radio-SC's Website Management

KF5CJG expressed concerns about the inefficiency of managing multiple websites and platforms for Radio SC, suggesting a need for more streamlined processes. Howard agreed to involve KF5CJG in discussions about improving efficiency. Rick discussed his preference for analog connections, emphasizing reliability and simplicity, while also considering the potential for dual-mode operation. He also mentioned his interest in discussing these matters further with Mike KK4MA. Glenn suggested a gradual transition to multimode operation, with analog being the primary mode and digital being used occasionally.

Motion to END by Glenn W2ADX - 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark KK4NNY

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