

Active Amateurs Radio Group - General Meeting (04/17/2025)

Quick recap

The Active Amateurs Radio Group held a meeting to discuss various club matters, including membership renewals, promotional materials, and upcoming projects. The group addressed financial aspects, such as donations and expenses, and explored potential grant opportunities for educational initiatives and equipment purchases. Additionally, the meeting covered technical issues, event planning, and the club's growth, with discussions on new member approvals and the success of recent activities.

Next steps

- Mark to order 250 business cards, 2 banners, and 100 QSL cards from the local printer.
- Mark to update the business card design to include the club call sign KK4ZBE on the front.
- Mark to add a small star on the business card design to indicate the club's general location in South Carolina.
- Howard to continue working with Nicholas on the Boeing grant application for Alston Middle School.
- Howard to follow up with ARRL regarding the missing grant application link.
- Howard to prepare and submit the ARRL grant application by June 30th.
- Glenn to update the new members' status to active on the website.
- Glenn to continue researching no-cost upgrades for the forum platform.
- John YZZ to follow up with Nicholas about equipment needs for the Alston Middle School club

Summaries

Renewal Process and Club Benefits

The meeting involved a discussion about the renewal process for club members and the potential benefits of renewing through the club. Glenn and Howard discussed the possibility of earning \$5 for each renewal and \$20 for each new member referred to the club. They also discussed the process of renewing through the club, with Howard mentioning that the financial aspects would be handled by the club.

Business Card and Banner Options

KK4NNY-Mark discussed the cost and design of business cards, banners, and QSL cards for the group. He suggested ordering 250 or 500 business cards at a cost of \$60 or \$75 respectively, and 100 QSL cards for \$28. He also proposed a 2x4 foot banner for \$38. The group decided to consider these options and make a decision.

The group decides to order 250 business cards and two banners for promotional purposes.. Mark notes that donations are down 37% compared to the previous quarter, and mentions that Donor Box has increased their fees to 7%. The group agrees that for large donations, it's better to use checks to avoid fees.

Meeting Prep

The group is preparing for a meeting, Glenn mentions that they will be voting on seven pending new members.

April AARG Member Meeting Summary

Howard opens the April AARG member meeting, noting that the club has grown to 57 members with 7 pending members to be voted on. All prospective new members were voted yes. He mentions that the club has some upcoming projects and is working on raising funds. The meeting agenda includes formal items, discussion of action items, officer reports, and an open member discussion. Howard also addresses a question about a pending member, Trixie Huff, explaining that she would be the club's first associate member if approved.

Tailgate Event Success and Future Activations

In the meeting, Howard discussed the successful "Tailgate" event with the Sumter Club, which included a donation to the church for the use of the parking lot. They also discussed the possibility of making this an annual event. Monroe praised the event and mentioned the low number of contacts due to solar conditions. He also congratulated Howard on his first "Parks on the Air" activation. The team expressed interest in future activations and encouraged others to participate.

KK4WBT and KK4NNY-Mark discussed the design and production of business cards and QSL cards for the Active Amateurs Radio Group. The cards will feature the group's logo, QR codes linking to the group's website and Facebook page, and the call sign KK4ZBE. The QSL cards will be blank on the back for notes. The group also considered adding the club call

sign on the front of the business cards. The cards will be produced in a local print shop to keep the money in the state.

Emergency Services and Grant Programs

Howard led the meeting, discussing various topics including the emergency services working group, generating amateur radio interest at the middle school and high school level, and the grant programs. Howard is working with Nicholas on a grant application for a club at Alston Middle School, with a deadline in May. He is also working on an application for the ARRL Grant program. Howard emphasized the importance of member donations to fund these initiatives. The group also discussed the potential for a grant to fund educational purposes, including the purchase of necessary equipment for a radio club at a school.

Website Upgrades and Treasurer's Report

In the meeting, Glenn discussed the progress of setting up new members on the website and his plans to upgrade the forum. He also mentioned his efforts to migrate to a newer platform. Mark presented the treasurer's report, highlighting the club's financial status, including donations, expenses, and cash in the bank. He also mentioned the increase in transaction fees for online donations and the need to manage restricted funds. Glenn suggested that donors can help cover the processing fees when making donations on the website.

Equipment Donation and Bank Transfers

In the meeting, Glenn and Howard discussed the ease of transferring funds to the bank. Glenn also mentioned the possibility of donating equipment to the club, with the option to receive credit for it. Howard suggested the idea of picking up some equipment for the schools. John expressed his willingness to donate equipment to the Austin Middle School if the grant doesn't cover it. The conversation ended with a motion to close the meeting, and Glenn thanked everyone for joining.

Motion to END by W2ADX - 2nd Mark KK4NNY and Howard/WW4HG and Jason KK4WBT

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