

NPARC ZOOM BUSINESS MEETING #25

Date: Monday, May 10, 2021. Time: 7:30- 8:40PM Local Time

Zoom Meeting Coordinator: W2PTP

Attendees (28)

K2AL, K2CMW, K2DAM, KC2DSH, KD2EKN, W2EWQ, K2EZR, N2FYE, AC2GL, K2GLS, KC2HLA, W2IOC, KD2JRI, KC2KMI, KY2MMM, W2OKB, KD2ONY, KC2OSR, W2PTP, WB2QOO, KD2QXX, N2SLS, N2TO, W2UDT, K2UI, KD2VZA, KC2WUF, K2YG.

Club President W2PTP opened the Zoom meeting at 7:30 P.M. K2AL, NPARC Secretary, stated that the required quorum was present, that is, one-quarter (17) of the voting eligible members of NPARC (65), to conduct a business meeting.

- (1) W2PTP, Paul, NPARC President, announced that in compliance with the amended New Jersey law for non-profit corporations, the NPARC Executive Committee (as NPARC’s Board of Directors) has added two bylaws to NPARC Bylaws to permit video meetings of the Club and of the Executive Committee. These bylaws were enacted at the Executive Committee Meeting of May 3, 2021. The enacted bylaws are subsections under Section 4 and Section 6 as follows:

Sec. 4 - MEETINGS

Subsec. A - The Club may meet by electronic and/or hybrid means if all members have been given reasonable electronic notice of the meeting and the ability to discuss and vote on business items. The quorum for an electronic/hybrid meeting is one quarter of voting members on the role at the time of the meeting.

Sec. 6 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Subsec. A - The Executive Committee may meet by electronic or hybrid means if Executive Committee members have been given reasonable notice of the electronic meeting and the ability to discuss and vote on business items. The quorum for an electronic and/or hybrid meeting is three Executive Committee members.

These bylaw additions will be posted by KC2WUF on the NPARC website in the Bylaws.

- (2) To provide for video meetings once the NJ governor has lifted the Emergency, W2PTP proposed the amendments enacted by the Executive Committee be substituted with the following amendments, which were submitted in writing and modified by the Club membership in attendance to be as follows:

Sec. 4 , Subsec. A and Sec. 6 Subsec. A

Revise Sec. 4 Subsec. A

“The Club may meet by electronic and/or hybrid means if all members have been given reasonable electronic notice of the meeting and have the ability to discuss and vote on business items. The quorum for an electronic/hybrid meeting is one quarter of voting members on the role at the time of the meeting.”

Revise Sec. 6 Subsec. A

“The Executive Committee may meet by electronic or hybrid means if Executive Committee members have been given reasonable notice of the electronic meeting and have the ability to discuss and vote on business items. The quorum for an electronic and/or hybrid meeting is three Executive Committee members.”

A motion to amend the bylaws per the proposals above was made by Don Young, N2SLS, and seconded by Bill Hudzik, W2UDT.

- (3) The following amendments were then proposed in writing by W2PTP:

Sec. 1 - NEW MEMBERSHIP

Add civil rights clause to Sec. 1

“Membership may not be denied because of race, creed, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status or any other reason that would be biased or prejudicial.”

A motion to amend the bylaws per the proposal above was made by Sam Sealy, KC2OSR, and seconded by W2UDT.

Sec. 1 - NEW MEMBERSHIP

Delete Subsec. A

Delete Subsec. B

(These two subsections may be considered prejudicial and do not comply with current practice.)

A motion to amend the bylaws per the proposal above was made by Tim Farrell, KD2EKN, and seconded by KC2OSR.

The above proposed amendments to the bylaws will be read at the next meeting and passage shall require a two-thirds vote by the membership present.

- (4) W2PTP discussed the status of the Club as a non-profit. Although we are registered as a non-profit organization in the state of NJ, we are not listed as a federal 501(c)(3) by the IRS nor did we have an EIN (federal Tax ID number). K2YG has obtained an EIN for the Club. The Executive Committee will discuss the actions required to obtain a 501(c)(X) status for the Club and will proceed as necessary.

- (5) At the May 3rd Executive meeting, the Executive Committee recommended two members for Honorary Life Membership for outstanding service to the Club:

Guy Brennert, K2EFB

Guy has received the Wouff Hong Award in 2008 and 2019 and received the Grand Old Ham Award in 2010. These awards were given to Guy in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the Club. Guy has served as an officer of the Club including Activities Manager and Field Day Manager. For many years, Guy took on the role of chairman of the officer Election Committee each November when officer elections were due. He often undertook the task by himself. He was always present at Field Day and Kids Day, ready to lend a helping hand.

Barry Cohen, K2JV

Barry, with a passion for ham radio that has enabled him to create friends around the world, has been a mainstay of NPARC since its early days. He has been awarded the Wouff Hong in 1970 and then again in 2006 - a testimony to his long dedication to the Club. He was awarded the Grand Old Ham Award in 2015 in recognition of his efforts in setting up live ARISS contacts via ham radio with the astronauts aboard the International Space station with students at a local grammar school and at summer school camps in Berkeley Heights and New Providence. He was a mentor to many young hams and school students. After 9/11, Barry led the formation of the NPARC Emergency Response Team which served local agencies such as the police and fire departments and the Red Cross.

Barry has served as an officer of the Club for many years in the past as president, activities manager and treasurer.

Both recommendations were voted on and approved by the Club members present at the meeting per NPARC Constitution procedure. K2AL will create and present Honorary Life Membership certificates to Guy and Barry.

(6) **NPARC 2021 Field Day:** Plans for individual and potential small groups operations for FD will be discussed at the first June Club meeting. KC2OSR stated that he is planning a portable FD operation from his QTH with several other Club members.

(7) **Club Presentations:** Per KC2OSR, K3LR, Tim Duffy, will give a virtual tour of his world class contesting station on the May 24 Zoom meeting. Members are welcome to invite an associate or two. Members of the Morris Radio Club and NJDXA will be invited.

(8) **NPARC Auction:** Current plans are to postpone our auction until February 2022 due to continuing COVID concerns and lack of facility availability.

KY2MMM stated that organizations such as the Elks Club or similar may have space available.

W2PTP requested that anyone with solid contact into organizations such as those KY2MMM mentioned should contact the Executive Committee.

(9) **Face to Face Meetings:** The town of New Providence has still not announced when they will re-open buildings for club or organization meetings. K2AL has been in continuing communication with the NP borough clerk and will advise.

(10) **NPARC Reflector:** K2AL announced two new subscribers to the NPARC Reflector: KC2DSH and KD2SND. Any Club member not subscribed and interested, please email k2al@arrl.net for instructions. We encourage members to subscribe to keep current with the latest Club announcements and events.

KC2WUF has been appointed a co-Administrator for the NPARC Reflector.

(11) **Upcoming Hamfests:**

Several members informed us of upcoming Hamfests:

- Splitrock Hamfest, Saturday May 15. www.splitrockara.org
- Fair Lawn Amateur Radio Club Hamfest, Saturday, June 5. www.fairlawncarc.com
- Raritan Valley RC, July 10. www.w2qw.org
- Sussex (SCARC) Hamfest, Sunday, July 18. www.scarcnj.org

(12) It was announced that the **NPARC Weekly Digital Net** would take place after the meeting at 9:00 PM on 28.085 on PSK-31. The net takes place every Monday and all are welcome to attend.

The next NPARC Zoom meeting is Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was closed by W2PTP at 8:40 PM

Al Hanzl K2AL
NPARC Secretary
May 15, 2021

cc: NPARC Roster List

