

NPARC HYBRID ZOOM MEETING #92 Monday, April 22, 2024

Time: 7:30- 9:00pm. At Salt Brook School. ZOOM Coordinator K2UI. Recorded by K2AL

Attendees: (16)

K2DAM, W2EMC, K2ESH, W2EWQ, KB2FCV, K2GLS, W2IOC, N6JIV, KD2JRI,
KC2OSR, W2PTP, K2UI, KC2WUF, K2YG, Julie Kern. ZOOM Attendees: K2AL, WB2QOQ.

1. K2UI started the ZOOM meeting at 7:30pm.
2. Meeting Program: “**Foxhunts**” by James, KB2FCV.
 - a. KB2FCV coordinated a Foxhunt practice session in the Salt Brook School ball field.
 - b. A “walking” Foxhunt event is tentatively scheduled for Sat, May 18 at Loantaka Park.
 - c. James demonstrated the hardware to be used for the foxhunt.
 - d. The use of a passive attenuator is recommended.
3. K2YG talked about the **State QSO Party Challenge**:
 - a. NPARC is currently ranked number 18 out of 245 clubs in the 2024 SQP “Club Challenge”
 - b. NPARC participation is encouraged in the state QSO parties. They are low-key “contests” with easy exchanges, usually just RS(T) and state.
 - c. They are mostly phone and CW with lots of activity on phone.
 - d. Two completed QSO’s minimum are required to get credit for working a State QSO Party (there are 47 sanctioned state QSO parties).
 - e. QSO information needs to be submitted to the **3830 Scores** website to get credit for the SQP Challenge. Each contest has an entry page on 3830.
 - f. See www.StateQSOParty.com and www.3830scores.com for details.
4. **Field Day Planning led by K2UI**:
 - a. Application for use of Governor Livingston field is submitted, awaiting approval (K2UI)
 - b. K2YG to rent one Port-A-John
 - c. K2YG to bring the food canopy.
 - d. KD2JRI to bring grill.
 - e. We will use the two ICOM-756 Pro transceivers donated by the WA2SQO estate.
 - f. K2UI/K2AL to interface the two HF radios for digital modes.
 - g. KC2OSR to supply 30A PS for the Pro III
 - h. WB2QOQ/K2AL to be the VHF station managers.
 - i. All the Gazebos need to be secured.
 - j. Generators- there are at least 4 available.
 - k. K2UI to investigate use of OCF dipoles (for 40/20/15/10) and an 80-meter antenna.
 - l. K2AL to generate Bonus Point spreadsheet with action plan/assignments.
 - m. FD planning will continue at the May 13 meeting.
5. **Memorial Day Parade- NPARC Participation (WB2QOQ)**
 - a. Monday, May 27, 2024
 - b. Need marchers. Contact WB2QOQ at rick243@comcast.net
 - c. W2PTP will be driving his Coral Rose colored Desoto in the parade.
 - d. We will use the new Club banner.

