

ACARTS December 2019 Presidents Message and November 2019 Minutes

ACARTS November 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Dave, W9LKH.

Dave announced the November meeting would be the Hamfest Wrap-up and the club elections, and that December would be the Christmas Dinner at 6:00 p.m. on the 17th at Hall's Guesthouse.

Dave asked about a program for the January meeting and asked if we should hold a February meeting as there is no SKYWARN training in February this year.

Pending the results of the Hamfest, the possibility of discontinuing the Hamfest and even disbanding ACARTS, because of lack of participation and attendance at functions and meetings was discussed. It was decided that we would get the general feeling of the membership at the November meeting and decide how to proceed.

Dave announced that the intermittent 146.88 repeater antenna on the WANE-TV tower had been replaced by the tower crew that changing antennas for WANE-TV's move from channel 31 to channel 32. The new antenna made a noticeable improvement.

Dave said that some of the board members had received e-mails allegedly from him that were a scam attempt. He said that the style and signature were obviously not his and to ignore anything like them in the future.

Dave stated that nominations were open and asked the board members present would run for another term. Bernie, K9JDF, said the he did not want to run for another term as a Board Member at Large. Dave asked those present to, while talking to members at the Hamfest, encourage them to run for office and get involved.

Joseph, K9RFZ, gave an update on the status of the Hamfest preparations, stated that the workers' packages had been mailed the previous Saturday, and that he had 28 reservations for the Hamfest Banquet.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

ACARTS November 2019 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Dave, W9LKH.

Dave welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a round of introductions.

He announced that the Christmas Dinner would be held at 6:00 p.m. on December 17th, at Hall's Guesthouse, and that he would begin taking reservations the first of the month.

Dave stated that the future of the Hamfest and the club itself were in question. He asked for a show of hands of those members present that wanted to continue the Hamfest and then ACARTS itself. The show of support was overwhelming, and Dave stated that the meeting would proceed with that in mind.

Dave turned the meeting over to the Hamfest Chairman, Joseph, K9RFZ. Joseph gave a report on the attendance figures, which reversed the trend and were up by about 135 people. reported on the Hamfest in general. He then called on the Hamfest Task Leaders for their reports on the various aspects of the Hamfest. He presented a list made by the major vendors that stated their concerns and ideas. A lively discussion followed that discussed how to address the concerns and implement the ideas that the vendors had presented. Many ideas were brought forward by the members present, and Joseph presented some of his ideas for next year.

The worker drawing was held, and Dave drew Richard, N9HRA as this year's winner.

Dave thanked Bernie, K9JDF, for his time on the board, as he had decided to not run for another term. He thanked the current officers and board members that were running for another term, and thanked Chris, W9TSB, for coming forward and running for secretary, and Fred, KC9EZP, for running for Board Member at Large.

Dave passed out the ballots and asked for any additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to accept the list of candidates as presented by acclamation. A motion was made by Bernie, K9JDF, seconded by Steve, K9SKS, and passed by a voice vote.

Dave thanked everyone of attending and participating in the meeting and stated that the level of enthusiasm must be maintained through the year to make the club continue to be successful.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH.

ACARTS December 2019 President's Message

Another successful Hamfest is in the books. Many thanks to Joseph, K9RFZ, for his hard work in his first year as Hamfest Chairman. The trend was reversed this year and the attendance was up by about 135 people. The number of tables sold was down slightly, but, overall, it was successful. The final financial figures are not in yet, so I can't report on profit or loss. Thanks to the vendors for being there, thanks to all of you that volunteered a couple of hour or more of your time to work at one of the many jobs, and thanks to those of you that simply attended and supported the vendors. The Hamfest wouldn't be possible without all these things coming together.

Thanks to all of you that attended the November Hamfest Wrap-up meeting and gave your support to the future of the Hamfest and even the future of ACARTS. You indicated that you overwhelmingly wanted both to continue, and the Officers, Managers, and Board Members will do their best to give you, the members, what they want in a club. Thank you for your all your suggestions and ideas for the Hamfest that you gave at the meeting. We need your support all year long by participating in and attending club meetings and events. Let any club officer or board member your ideas or suggestions for the future of the club and we will do our best to implement them.

The November meeting was also the club elections for 2020. Most of the current officers and board members agreed to run for another term, except for Bernie, K9JDF, whom decided to not run again. Thank you, Bernie for your years on the board. Chris, W9TSB, volunteered to be placed on the ballot for the open position of club Secretary, and Fred, KC9EZF, volunteered his name to be entered for the open Board Member at Large position. The slate of candidates was elected by acclamation. Thanks to all the elected officers and board members for running and volunteering their time to help make ACARTS an active and exciting club in 2020.

The ACARTS Christmas Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17th at Hall's Guesthouse on Washington Center Road. We will again be ordering from a special menu. As I didn't hear any complaints, the menu choices will be the same as we used in previous years. Reservations are required. Please let me know by Sunday, December 15th, that you plan on attending and how many guests will be with you. Contact me at w9lkh(at)comcast.net or 260-485-6135 to make your reservations. ACARTS will pay a portion of each member's meal. Guests, which are highly encouraged to attend, will have to pay the full amount of their meal. Please make plans to join us for an evening of good food and conversation. I would especially like to invite the new members that are new hams or long-time hams that joined ACARTS this year for the first time. The Christmas Dinners, Spring Banquets, and August Picnics are great opportunities to meet fellow club members in a casual setting. I hope to see you there.

73,

Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

President