

WESTCHESTER EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION

Minutes of an Organizational Meeting on April 7, 1972

A meeting of interested parties was convened at 9:45 p.m. E.S.T. at the home of W2QGH, 412 Benedict Avenue, Tarrytown, Westchester County, New York. The following were present:

William T. Knott	W2QGH
John V. von Sneidern, Jr.	K2GTY
Robert W. Ficker	K2UTB
Joseph R. Calabrese	WA2MCR
Ladd Z. Sajor	W2KGV

Mr. Sajor was appointed Temporary Secretary.
Mr. Knott was appointed Temporary Chairman.

The Chairman explained the purpose - viz.:

"To provide for the continuation of the Civil Defense Radio network in Westchester County under the present call sign, K2AVP, which was originally authorized by the Federal Communications Commission in 1952."

It was then unanimously agreed that the name of the association be "Westchester Emergency Communication Association."

It was further agreed that the officers of the W.E.C.A. be President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and Trustee; and that the Board of Directors, whose duty it will be to operate and administer the Association, shall consist of all the officers, the trustee of the station license, and one Director.

The President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and the Director shall be elected by a majority vote of the members.

The Trustee shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and can be removed by a majority vote of the Directors, his vote being invalid in both instances.

Nominations were called for by the chair and the following were nominated:

President:	John V. von Sneidern, Jr.
Vice-President:	Joseph R. Calabrese
Secretary-Treasurer:	Ladd Z. Sajor
Director:	Robert W. Ficker

It was moved by Mr. Knott and seconded by Mr. Ficker that nominations be closed and that the Secretary cast one vote for each candidate to show unanimity. The motion was carried unanimously.

The newly elected officers now comprising a Board of Directors proceeded to the appointment of the fifth member of the Board, and Officer, the Trustee.

A unanimous vote appointed Mr. Knott to the post.

The Board then voted that the following be recognized as charter members, herein listed alphabetically:

Joseph R. Calabrese	WA2MCR
Robert W. Ficker	K2UTB
William T. Knott	W2QGH
Ladd Z. Sajor	W2KGV
John V. von Sneidern, Jr.	K2GTY

Before proceeding to the formulation of by-laws, the Board of Directors instructed the Trustee to make necessary application and arrangements for the transfer of the present station call K2AVP used in Westchester Civil Defense Amateur Radio Communications to the Association.

It was further decided that, for this purpose, and for other communication necessities, the mailing address of the Association be:

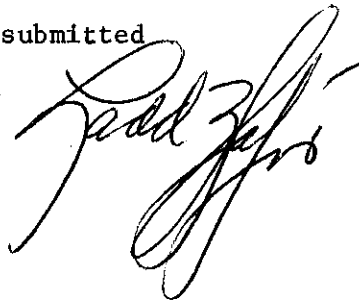
Westchester Emergency Communication Association
c/o Radio Officer
County Office Building
White Plains, New York 10601

The members present then formulated and approved the appended by-laws to which they have all subscribed in approval.

Respectfully submitted

Ladd Z. Sajor

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WESTCHESTER EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

"The name of this Association shall be the Westchester Emergency Communications Association."

The officers shall be president, vice-president, a secretary-treasurer, trustee and Director. These five shall constitute the Board of Directors. An officer may hold more than one office at a time and may succeed himself if so voted, except that, under such circumstances, additional directors shall be voted to bring the total of the Board to five. The term of office shall be for one year or until a successor shall be elected.

The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

The president shall preside at all meetings and be the general executive officer of the association.

The first vice-president shall serve in the capacity of the president in the absence of the president. The trustee, director and secretary-treasurer shall serve, in that order, in the capacity of presiding officer in the absence of the others.

The secretary-treasurer shall keep the minutes and all records of the association (except the association's amateur radio station license which shall be, at all times, in the custody of the trustee in behalf of the association,) and shall collect, record, have custody of and disperse any funds of the association as directed by the association. His records shall be available to any member of the association at any time.

A quorum shall consist of three members.

Mailing address shall be c/o Radio Officer, County Office Building, Martine Avenue White Plains, Westchester County, New York 10601

There will be no regular dues, although minor assessments may be made from time to time by vote of the Association, if, and when the need arises.

A Trustee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, and requested to file an application with the Federal Communications Commission for the transfer of the station license (K2AVP) to hold in behalf of the Association. The Trustee shall assume full responsibility for the operation of the equipment. He shall serve on all committees of the Association.

Membership in the Association shall be open only to United States citizens, and applications for membership must be approved by two members of the Association before being voted on.

Because of the responsibility resting on the Trustee, he may veto any action of the Association pertaining to the equipment and its operation. He may call for disciplinary action against any member or other user of Association equipment who violates any of the rules or laws or regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, the Civil Defense authorities, the Association or County, and all members agree to abide by such laws, rules, or regulations.

The Association's Federal Communications Commission license, or a copy thereof, shall be posted in the Association's Transmitter location at all times, and the transmitting apparatus shall not be operated by anyone when such license is not displayed.

No one may operate the transmitting apparatus unless he has with him his Federal Communications Commission amateur radio operator's license (or a copy thereof) showing that he holds the necessary privileges.

These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the full membership, but no change may be made restricting the authority or the responsibility of the Trustee.

WESTCHESTER EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting of September 6, 1972

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 PM by the Chairman,
William T. Knott, W2QGH, at 412 Benedict Avenue, Tarrytown, New York.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected, and
approved after a motion by Robert Ficker, K2UTB, and seconded by Ladd
Sajor, W2KGV.

The by-laws were read and approved after a motion by Ladd
Sajor and a second by Robert Ficker.

Two new members were proposed

MICHAEL TROY WA2TYV

MARTIN DI MASO W2WXP

and the Chairman was asked to invite them to join the organization.

Mr. Robert Ficker made a motion to adjourn at 10:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ladd Sajor W2KGV

WESTCHESTER EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting of November 30, 1972

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by the Chairman William T. Knott, K2AVP/K4HXT, at the Control Center at the County Office Building, White Plains, New York.

The following were present at the meeting: Michael Troy, Robert Ficker, Joseph Calabrese, John von Sneidern, Jr., William Knott. Absent were Ladd Z. Sajor, Martin Di Maso.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected, and approved upon a motion by Robert Ficker, seconded by John von Sneidern, Jr. The letters by Mr. Knott addressed to the FCC concerning the new repeater rules were read to the members. Digital control of the repeater station was discussed.

Robert Ficker is to investigate the 400 Mc/s situation and to propose certain frequencies for use on the "down-link" from Mohansic.

There was discussion as to the selection of certain amateurs for membership in the association. Joseph Calabrese moved that Mr. Max Pruner, Mr. Edward Kesler, and Mr. Paul Vydareny be invited to join the association. Mr. Calabrese's motion was seconded

by Mr. Robert Ficker. The motion was passed unanimously and the secretary was instructed to invite Mr. Pruner, Mr. Kesler, and Mr. Vydareny to join the association.

Those present discussed the advisability of selecting a trustee to prepare the license application for the station call sign and make the appropriate application to the Federal Communications Commission. Those suggested to act as trustee were Joseph Calabrese, Ladd Z. Sajor, and Robert Ficker.

It was the unanimous opinion that Robert Ficker should be appointed as trustee for the station license. Mr. Ficker was, therefore, appointed by the Board and instructed to prepare the license application. The secretary was instructed to prepare a "Request for Waiver" of the applicable FCC rules in order to transfer the call sign "K2AVP" to the Westchester Emergency Communications Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

WTK:nac

William T. Knott, K2AVP
Secretary (Acting)

WESTCHESTER EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting

January 30, 1973

At a meeting of some of the members of the Association on this date the following information was made available to the members by William T. Knott, K2AVP:

1. The license for K2AVP is valid until October 30, 1975.
2. The procedures required by FCC for transferring the call sign to the Association have been initiated.
3. The present holder of the Call Sign K2AVP (William T. Knott) is and will be an official of the County of Westchester until March 2, 1973, and that from February 2 until March 2 Mr. Knott will be on vacation.
4. Mr. Knott has appointed Mr. Ficker as his alternate to be in charge of K2AVP while Mr. Knott is on vacation. Mr. Ficker will be assisted in technical matters and the administration of the RACES Net by Joseph Calabrese, John von Sneidern, and Michael Troy.

Respectfully submitted,

William T. Knott

William T. Knott

WTK:jm

MINUTES

The Board of Directors met at Maxl's Restaurant, Route 22, North White Plains, N.Y. May 31, 1973.

Those present (in alphabetical order) were:

Calabrese, J.	- WA2 MCR	Vice-President
Ficker, R.	- K2 UTB	Director
Pruner, M.	- K2 LOZ	
Sajor, L.	- W2 KGV	Secretary-Treasurer
Troy, M.	- WA2 TYV	
von Sneidern, J.	- K2 GTY	President
Vydarny, P.	- WB2 VUK	

Meeting was called to order by the President at 9:00 p.m.

After the approval of the previous meeting's minutes, the order of business was as follows:

1. Licensing of other stations (5) for the communication's network as required by the F.C.C.

(a) On the request of the County Radio Officer, Mr. von Sneidern, it was moved by R. Ficker, K2 UTB, seconded by L. Sajor, W2 KGV, and unanimously agreed that the W.E.C.A. would be the licensee for the R.A.C.E.S. stations in the County system.

(b) Mr. Robert Ficker -K2 UTB was nominated for Trustee by L. Sajor, W2 KGV and seconded by John von Sneidern. With no other nominations placed, Mr. R. Ficker was elected by unanimous vote as Trustee for the new stations.

(c) The Trustee was asked to make early application for the Club Station, and to request the call sign K2 AVP, as this call is so closely associated with the past and present public service in and out of the county by the membership.

2. Amendment of the Association's Purpose

On a motion by John von Sneidern, K2 GTY, and a second by Max Pruner, K2 LOZ, the purpose of the Association was amended to read; "To provide for the continuation of the Civil Defense radio amateur network in Westchester County." Passed unanimously.

3. Revision of the By-laws

A motion by Paul Vydarny, WB2 VUK and a second by Mike Troy, WA2 TYV called for the by-laws to be amended to read: "A quorum for the conduct of official business will be a minimum of 6 members, with, at least, 3 of those present to be Board members."

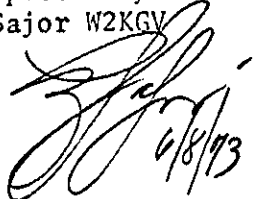
4. Change of Frequency

Joe Calabrese, WA2 MCR moved, and Paul Vydarny, WB2 VUK seconded a motion that the INPUT Frequency of the present repeater be changed (in compliance with the revised FCC rules and to accommodate the accepted standard frequency(600 Kc.) spacing) to 147.66 Mc. on or after June 5, 1973.

The present Licensee of K2 AVP, Mr. W. T. Knott, W2 QGH-K4 HXT through his deputy, Mr. R. Ficker, K2 UTB, acquiesced to the change. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

L.Sajor W2KGV



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WESTCHESTER EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

Meeting of December 26, 1973 called to order at 1845 in room 909 of the County Office Building, White Plains, New York.

Members present: Calabrese, J. WA2MCR Pruner, M. K2LOZ
Davis, R. WA2OMT Sajor, L. W2KGV
DiMaso, M. W2WXP Troy, M. WA2TYV
Ficker, R. K2UTB von Sneidern, J. K2GTY
Vydareny, P. WB2VUK

NEW MEMBER

Mr. William Fisher W2OC was accepted for membership by unanimous vote.

C.D. MEMBERSHIP

A discussion followed relative to the regular use of the C.D. supported repeater WR2ACI by other amateurs without benefit of their participation or membership in Westchester County C.D.

A letter inviting them to join C.D. (see copy attached) will be mailed to all frequent users of the repeater who are not C.D. members. With the mailing will be a recommended operating procedure.

QUIET HOURS

New quiet hours from 11:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. were proposed by M. Pruner and seconded by P. Vydareny. Motion passed with no negative votes.

IDENTIFIER

A discussion of the WR2ACI identifier brought out that the time-out period was 1 minute 52 seconds \pm 1 sec. and that the ID was timed for 2 min. 35 sec.

It was recommended that operators should refrain from talking over the identifier but should use their good judgment about talking over the Morse time signal. To improve the readability of the ID and time signal the level would be raised.

MONITORING WR2ACI

A survey on the basis of the logs submitted by monitoring stations and by information supplied by other monitoring operators, a repeater monitor schedule will be prepared reflecting the listening periods now practiced.

INCORPORATION

K2GTY was asked to investigate possible avenues towards incorporation.

LICENSING

Means will be explored toward lifting the burden from the present WR2ACI station licensee and trustee; William T. Knott W4HXT, by relicensing the repeater.

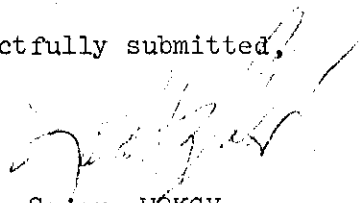
EQUIPMENT

An automatic Hi-Low frequency indicator was demonstrated by W2OC.

Briefly, this solid state device, developed and built by Bill Fisher W2OC, will, upon sensing an input signal to the repeater receiver, determine if it is high or low in respect to the established input frequency (allowing for a window of about ± 750 Hz). It would then transmit on the repeater output, after the input carrier is dropped, the Morse Code "H" for High, and "L" for Low, depending on where the received signal fell. This equipment is to be installed on a trial basis in the near future.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2145.

Respectfully submitted,



Lad Z. Sajor, W2KGV
Secretary

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WB2VUK

Minutes of April 1, 1974

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM in Room 909 of the County Office Building, White Plains. Present were:

J. Calabrese, WA2MCR	M. Pruner, K2LOZ
R. Davis, WA2OMT	M. Troy, WA2TYV
R. Ficker, K2UTB	J. von Sneidern Jr., K2GTY
W. Fisher, W2OC	P. Vydareny, WB2VUK

K2GTY reported on miscellaneous telephone correspondence with Westchester amateurs regarding operation of the repeater.

Forms were completed to register WR2ACI for inclusion in the 1974 ARRL Repeater Directory.

A discussion was held regarding relicensing of the system to the Association. This would entail obtaining three initial licenses: club stations at Westco EOC and at Eastview, and the repeater station, with K2UTB as trustee. Maintenance of the equipment would also be put in the hands of the Association; hopefully, test gear would be permanently located at the repeater site. Other licenses would be required later for satellite relay stations.

It was decided by informal motion of those present to extend an offer of membership to Jack Ruggiero, K2EGS and Rob Escallon, WB2FXB.

To update the list of control points for the relicensing of WR2ACI, it was decided to add the home addresses of K2EGS and WB2FXB, while deleting the address of WB2UFG, who has moved to New Jersey.

K2GTY reported that he is resigning his membership, in order to avoid any conflict of interest that might arise from his dual position as Association member and County radio officer. He will file a letter to the Association in his official capacity, requesting that the group provide RACES services to the Westchester County Office of Civil Defense.

K2UTB presented an offer from George Coles, WB2KEF, who is willing to prepare a regular newsletter for the repeater users. It was decided that an invitation be extended to Mr. Coles to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the subject.

The problems of interference and intermittent keying of WR2ACI were discussed, as well as various methods of controlled access on a full-time or part-time basis. Suggestions included: (a) a modified tone-controlled access system which would allow for emergency calling by mobile units not equipped for tone signalling, and (b) access to the Hi-Lo frequency indicator restricted to control operators.

The meeting was closed at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

M.F. Troy
acting for
L. Sajor, Secretary

LS/mft

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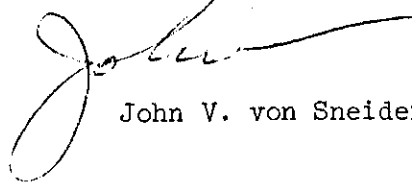
May 16, 1974

Mr. Joseph R. Calabrese
7 Mason Street
White Plains, N.Y. 10606

Dear Joe,

This will officially convey my resignation from membership in the Westchester Emergency Communications Association. This is done with regret, for reasons of possible conflict of interest (or appearance thereof) between membership in the Association and my official position with the County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John V. von Sneidern, Jr.", written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a large initial 'J' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John V. von Sneidern, Jr. K2GTY

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