

DFARG

16 February 2023 Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Smitty at 1900. Smitty welcomed all members and recognized Joe Russo, who has not been with us for a while. Absence of Secretary and Legal Officer, Jim Walters, was noted owing to his tree service dropping a log on his roof. President Smitty noted that just a few days prior to this incident, Jim had mentioned asking the same tree service to use their bucket truck to help us out with our antenna project. The irony of this did not go unnoticed by the embers in attendance. VP Charlie Brown then recommended the tree service he used (for tree removal, not antenna work) as they had failed to drop any logs at all on his house during a recent tree removal. The treasurer was absent, but Smitty reported for him that there was no significant activity since last month and our balance remains around \$4,000. The issue of the tower elevator purchase was raised and discussed, Doug and Smitty noting the slight increase in the original cost owing to inflation. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to complete the purchase. This was followed by some discussion of tower elevators, generally. Smitty introduced the the topic of club committees, which sparked a lengthy and often circuitous debate and multiple motions and votes, the upshot of which was the naming of four standing committees, viz:

Building and Equipment Committee, headed by John Miller and including Rick Senkowsky

Nominating Committee to be named in October

Membership Committee, headed by Joe Price and including Smitty, with responsibilities to include managing the website and Facebook page

Activities Committee, headed by Charlie Brown and including Smitty

All committee heads are expected to report their status at each meeting. The South Carolina QSO Party was discussed and the members present agreed to operate as a Multi-Multi station, with John Miller opening the shack on Saturday morning, February 25. After this, Smitty showed a video about FT8.