

17 July 2023

FIARC Meeting Minutes – 24 June 2023

Attendees:

N7NW – Hal Goodell	W7RWH – Bob Holzgraf	KJ7RVR – Jane Tollett
KK7JEE – Keith Barnes	KI7CQQ – Doug Beck	KV7FOX – Kirsi Vivolin
AC7QN – Chuck Kemmer		

1. The meeting was very informal, so we did not approve minutes from 5/27/2023.

2. Updates from Hal Goodell N7NW, President

- FICRA Fair is August 12, and FIARC will have a booth.
- Hal has contacted 487 out of 488 grids in the US. Fewer than 50 people have done this. The last grid is near the Big Bend National Park in Texas.

3. Yagi Antenna information and Notes from Chuck Kemmer AC7QN

- Kirsi Vivolin KV7FOX brought her completed Yagi antenna and Hal and Chuck worked with her to tune it using the Olympia weather channel at 162.475 Mhz.
- REMINDER on the antennas – cut your metal tape to the recommended lengths. They may be a bit long but as Chuck says you can cut off a bit easier than adding on!
- Chuck mentioned “Summits On The Air” (SOTA.com) a program where you “bag” summits by announcing you are going to climb, and “chasers” verify your journey. Different summits are worth different points, but the chasers collect points as well.

3. Odd Stuff

- Yagi instructions are attached as a reminder.
- A minimally updated roster is attached. Let me know if there are more updates.
- What3words.com is a very neat app that has given every 3-meter square location in the world a unique 3-word address. Where I am sitting right now typing is “backers.detachable.cooling”.
- We have had a few kayakers call into the Net – thank you Kirsi! FYI if you are opposite Kamus Drive on the SW end of the island you will need to be about 200 feet or so offshore to get over the ridge. Interesting note and this may apply to other parts of the island as well.

4. Next Meeting - Fox Hunt Practice – 7/22/2023.

- PLEASE BRING YOUR YAGI ANTENNA AND YOUR HANDHELD. Chuck will check the antennas to make sure they are properly tuned to transmit, and Hal will bring his antenna analyzer. We will then walk around testing them.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachments – Yagi Instructions and Current Roster