

CARS BOD Minutes 9 / 25 / 2018

Start Time: 1938

Attendees:

1. *Mike --Pres*
2. *Dennis --VP*
3. *Jeff --Treasure*
4. *Bill – Communications Officer*
5. *Van —Secretary*
6. *Barry P --guest*
7. *Keith —past president*

Previous minutes:

- Read by Van.

Treasurer's Report:

- Club is in good standing. We made a profit because we sold the Kenwood 850 radio.

Committee Reports

- a. ARES,
 - i. Chesapeake CARES participate as part of EOC standup for Hurricane Florence. This was more of a training exercise for the City after the Hurricane turned south. The new EOC facility is still coming together. There is no amateur radio equipment in the CARES room yet, we brought our own. Had to jury rig an antenna to get to the repeaters. Good opportunity to meet leadership at EOC. City was glad that we showed up.
 - ii. Van who is the City of Chesapeake Emergency Coordinator EC, has registered for the new ARES Connect Logging Report System. Once it goes live, CARES will be able to log manhours and Public Service events thru the website. This will allow CARES to run reports and keep track of the monthly logging of volunteer hours spent on ARES Training, Nets, Activations, Public Service Events, etc.
- b. Communication:
 - i. Repeater are working fine.
 - ii. CARS controller status, working with Steve to get controller set up. It is coming along. Trying to find way to program and use the equipment. Steve is working on the equipment now and making progress.
 - iii. Closed action: Kenwood 850 HF Radio: filters removed and returned to Paul. Radio was sold at VB Hamfest at CARS club table. Another HF radio has been setup to replace the Kenwood. The 850 needed an

expensive repair and we had another radio, so it made sense to replace the radio.

- iv. We have the J-pole antennas in the shack. Giving one to new member, Conner Black.

c. IT/Web Services

i. WIFI status:

1. Seems to be a bit faster for downloading of content for training etc.

ii. Website status:

1. Doing well.
2. We have added a tab for selling equipment. Process will be to send "for sale" email to one of the club officer and we will have the members equipment added to the site under the "for-sale" tab. Listing should have contact information of the person selling the equipment.

iii. Reflector status:

1. Not working. Keith will sit down with Brair to see if we can get it working again.

Old Business:

- At Shack Day on September 15th. Worked on WiresX; connected Yaesu radio to WiresX and made a contact on American room.
- We decide to have a Spring Hamfest Tailgate. More planning to find a venue, date and how to set up/execute. City parking lot is an option, perhaps near the Library across from City Hall. This is a meet-up in a parking lot. People (sellers) with equipment can open their trunk and buyers can purchase. Club will except a small donation from sellers and buyers (maybe). Date to be determined in March-May.
- WiresX is a success and membership voted to purchase a new radio at GM. Randi, one of our members won a WiresX radio at VB Hamfest. He is selling to CARS at a discount. We will give the new radio to Van and keep his radio which is current installed in the shack. This will save us the time invested in setting up the WireX in the shack.
- Elections for new officers will happen at October general meeting. Seems all the officers are willing to run for another term. We will open the floor to nomination at September general meeting and will accept nomination anytime between Sept and Oct meetings. The elections will be conducted at the Oct meeting with new officer terms staring in November. Current officers are running for another term.
- The CARS BOD discussed the complaint received last month and according to our bylaws we decided to send the club member in question a letter addressing the issue.

New Business:

- Van would like to set up a meeting on a Sunday afternoon to for DMR training. Board approved if CARS folks are there to ensure shack is opened and lock up correctly.
- CARS had many members present at VB Hamfest. Unfortunate there were few vendors, but forums were interesting.
 - o One forum on Mesh Network that has been installed in Newport News, might be a good digital presentation. Set up by Hams under grant to city of Newport News. This is an adhoc network at Newport New EOC and area hospitals. This network is connected to internet but can work if internet is lost. All sites in the network can exchange email traffic via high speed wireless digital network.
 - o Other forum was the Virginia ARES meeting.
 - Big push for training. Push back from audience. However, seems to be a requirement dictated by FEMA, not ARES. ARES is supporting the completion of the training to make sure members can integrate easily into a FEMA organized emergency management response.
 - Perhaps we could set-up our RasPieIP-Net for training on shack day? We could knock out 4-5 people at a time and help our members find and sign into the correct web-training sites. Always more fun to train as a group.
- Reviewed Ham of the Year processes:
 - o Nominate at Oct Gen Mting:
 - o Voter at November Gen Mting:
 - o Need to update plaque and buy trophy.
 - o Present at December Christmas Dinner:
- Time to start thinking about Christmas Dinner.
 - o Date: Maybe, Monday, Dec 3rd; the day of general meeting?
 - o Location: Maybe: Ynot Pizza on Cedar Road
 - o Spouses welcome.
 - o Dennis Watson will set this up.
 - Any suggestions should be sent to him, (KM4TJR@gmail.com).
 - o Agenda: (maybe)
 - Ham of the Year presentation
 - Karaoke---just kidding
 - Year in review:
 - New equipment in shack
 - o RasPieNet
 - o Flat screen TV
 - o Connection to Internet
 - o WiresX via UHF repeater.
 - o New antenna
 - o Installed workbench for projects

- Field day—
 - o number of contacts
 - o number of stations
 - Phone
 - CW
 - Digital
- Number of new members
 - o xxx
- Successful tour de Cure
 - o New route
 - o Good support for areas without cell phone coverage
- Digital and ARES training completed.
- General and Technician training conducted.
- Participated in new EOC stand up in Chesapeake
- Upcoming schedule:
 - o Next GM on Oct 1st
 - o Next Shack Day Oct 20th
 - o Next BOD meeting scheduled Oct 30th
- New membership application:
 - o Approved in Sept BOD for Oct GM vote.
 - David Allen

Adjourn Time: 2126.