

CARS BOD Meeting Minutes for 2 / 26 / 2019

Start Time: 1939

Attendees:

- *Mike T—Pres- present*
- *Dennis W—VP-present*
- *Bill R – Treasure-present*
- *Van R –Secretary-absent*
- *Bill M – Communications Officer- present*
- *Steve G—IT and Network-present*
- *Van R —Secretary/CARES-absent*
- Guest Harry Musser KC4MUS

Previous minutes:

- Read by Dennis

Treasurer's Report:

- Club in good standing.

Committee Reports

1. ARES,
 - a. Van not present at BOD, but would like to do a presentation on the new ARES software on Mar 4th. Approved.
2. Communication:
 - a. New repeater amp installed. Works great. Turned down power on exciter, this will extend the life of the exciter.
 - b. New shack keys for upper door have been passed out.
3. Steven Griggs will be updating our wires-x and our antenna for that radio, needs the coax replaced, water intrusion. We have a new hri-200 box from the Yaesu and will install soon.
 - a. Reflector is up and running!!

Old Business:

1. Mike followed up with the City to find out status of our lease agreement. No change.
2. At prior BOD meeting a member issue was brought to the board and BOD decided to take to membership at General meeting on Feb 4th. There was a quorum of members present at the General meeting and the subject member was voted out of the club. This was a sad and unusual event, but it was necessary to work through the situation. Hopefully this issue is behind CARS and the club will continue to grow and support Armature Radio activities. Any members that was not present at the General meeting and would like to know

more please contact the CARS President or another BOD member for more information.

3. Club's Vision for 2019—how are we doing: 86 contacts on shack day in Feb.
4. Talked about supporting monthly DX contests to keep number of contacts up.
 - o Virginia QSO Party is March 16-17th (see rules next page)
 - o We will provided pizza for club members as we have done in years past.
 - o Hope to bring up two radios? Starts at 10 am on Sat March 16th, we can participate on Mar17th if there is interest.
5. News on TourDeCure (4/27/2019)—none. Some concern that the NC repeater we used last year is no longer on the air.
6. News on Field Day (6/22-23/2019)
 - o Our permit has been approved by the City to us Deep Creek Locks Park
7. Shack day update:
 - o 86 contracts on Shack Day

New business:

1. There is some talk about a group buy of Yaesu system Fusion radios. More to follow.
2. Tailgate Fest Planning.
 - a. May 25th
 - b. Flier: Both Van and Mike tried uploading the flier to our website and we both had no luck. Hope to get this resolved soon.
 - i. The flier has been posted on a few other HAM websites.
 - c. SATCOM demo
 - d. Church will take care of: food, bathrooms and dumpster,
 - e. Other things to think about
 - i. CARS staffing, how many? what tasks? one shift or two shifts?
 - ii. Radio direction day of on repeater, who, how?
 - iii. Set up of parking lot.
 - iv. Money collection
 - v. Prize give away plan, Bill will get some raffle tickets. When participants pay they will fill out the raffle ticket for drawing of gifts. We have at least two giveaways now. Maybe another.
 - vi. Clean up...very important.
3. Mike, Bill R and Steve working to link our bank account to PayPal so we can take credit card payments for dues?
4. Upcoming training? Will schedule in April. Looks like an Apr 20 start with test in two to three weeks later.
5. Upcoming schedule:
 - o BOD meetings: Feb 26th, March 26th
 - o Gen Member Mtg: Mar 4th.
 - o Shack Days: March 16th
 - o VA QSO party: March 16-17

- Gen/Tech License training starting Apr 20th
 - Tour De Cure: Apr 27
 - Ham Tailgate Fest: May 25
 - Field Day: June 22-23
1. New membership application:
- Late entry, the board approved two new members right before Feb 4th General meeting. The membership voted and approved the two new hams that night.
 - A. Forest Harrell (KW4EST)
 - B. James Stallings (KN4JRD)
 - We email voted on James Shelton on Feb 27th and will take to the general membership on Mar4th.

Adjourn Time: 2030

2019 Virginia QSO Party

Updated 21 February 2019

Summary

The Virginia QSO Party is held during the 3rd full weekend in March.

The 2019 Virginia QSO Party will be held during the weekend of **16-17 March 2019**.

Spotting Network: John, KX4O is providing the VQP spotting network once again this year. <http://www.qsoparty.com/>

Call History file: Mike, N4CF, generated a call history file from the largest logs submitted last year. Here is the URL of the website that has a link to it, and instructions for using it: [<http://n4cf.mdodd.com/vaqp-ch.html>](http://n4cf.mdodd.com/vaqp-ch.html)

Announced Operations: This is a list of [announced operations](#) in Virginia. We hope to get coverage of all the counties and independent cities identified early. If you are planning on operating a station in Virginia, please send an email with the details and a picture to vqp@verizon.net.

We received fixed station logs from 70 of the 133 counties and independent cities in Virginia last year. We try to improve this by contacting hams in QTHs that had no logs submitted and low QSO counts. If you are interested in helping us improve coverage, please send us an email (vqp@verizon.net) and we will send you a list of counties to focus on.

Certificate: The [certificate for the 2019 Virginia QSO Party](#) was designed by the Vienna Wireless Society (VWS). This club is one of the active supporters of the VQP and is very active in the local area.

Plaques and Sponsors: We anticipate having [26 plaques](#) this year, one less than last year. Updated 14 February 2019 ~~2 February 2019 30 January 2019 28 Dec 18 20 Dec~~

~~18-16 Dec 18-15 Dec 18-6 Dec 18-27 Nov 18~~ with full list of sponsors.

We have decided to drop the plaque for young adult. There was no entry last year and entries have been few in previous years.

For more information on the **number of competitors for each plaque**, see page 21 in the VQP Briefing.

The YOUTH plaque is a relatively recent plaque for those hams age 18 and below. [Here is more information.](#)

VQP Briefing: ([PDF format ~10 MB](#)) A presentation suitable for club meetings on the Virginia QSO Party. Includes rules, Party statistics, descriptions of certificates. This will be updated aperiodically to reflect new or changed information. Last updated on 29 January 2019 ~~1 January 2019 14 November 2018~~.

VQP Contest Rules. ([html format](#), [MSWord format](#), [PDF format](#)) There are no rule changes for the 2019 Virginia QSO Party. The rules remain unchanged from last year.

The VQP rules identify the information that must be exchanged to be considered a valid contact (QSO). This includes call sign, serial number and QTH (3 character abbreviation for Virginia counties and independent cities, state and province / territory abbreviations, or DX for others. This information must also be exchanged by operators using FT8 to make contacts.

Contest Logging Programs. Logging programs designed for the Virginia QSO Party always help. We accept any logs, but logs submitted electronically and compliant with any Cabrillo format are preferred. The following logging programs have been used in the past and they have been modified to support the Virginia QSO Party. We re-score all logs submitted, so it is important to ensure your log contains all the required information.

* N1MM Logger <http://www.n1mm.com>.

* Scott & Kimberly, N3FJP & KA3SEQ Amateur Contact

Log <http://www.n3fjp.com/>.

* WriteLog <http://www.writelog.com/>.

* WA7BNM Web2Cabrillo <http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/> A manual entry Cabrillo file generator. Easy to use for those with QSOs not already in a Cabrillo file. Go to the web site. Select Virginia QSO Party. Fill in the forms. In the last step, the program e-mails a Cabrillo file to vqp@verizon.net, with a copy to the

submitter's e-mail address.

Virginia Counties and Independent Cities: 95 counties and 38 independent cities ([html format](#) or [MS Document](#) or [PDF format](#)).

Paper Log Summary Sheets: ([.pdf](#) or [.doc](#)) Remains unchanged from last year. Used to record header information for paper logs. This form is not required for cabrillo formatted electronic logs.

[Worked All Virginia Award:](#) The "Worked All Virginia" award is offered by the [Rappahannock Valley Amateur Radio Club](#).

[Presentation Offer and Schedule:](#) SPARC will give a presentation on the Virginia QSO Party to any group in Virginia.

[Planning Calendar:](#) The calendar is available for review.

Comments, questions, and recommendations should be emailed to vqp@verizon.net.