

CARS Club Meeting Minutes for 03/04/2019

Start Time: 7:40pm

Club Members:

Visitors:

Total:

Club Officers in Attendance:

- *Mike Tromba – Club President - present*
- *Dennis Watson – Club Vice President – (absent)*
- *Van Rowe – Club Secretary & CARES EC - present*
- *Bill Runyon – Club Treasure - present*
- *Bill Mellema – Club Communications Officer - present*
- *Steve Griggs – Club IT and Network - present*
- *Club Guest Speaker - John Roberts (WB4AXY)*

Previous minutes:

- Read by Van Rowe (KM4KBS) and accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report:

- Club in good standing. (Treasurer: Bill Runyon)

Committee Reports

1. ARES,
 - a. Annual CARES Members Operational update email.
 - b. ARRL Volunteer Website & ARES Connect update / presentation from Van Rowe (KM4KBS) & John Roberts (WB4AXY) – District SEC.
2. Communication:
 - a. New repeater amp installed. Repeaters working well at all the sites.
 - b. Wires-X new HRI-200 on 444.000 up and running.
 - c. 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. Club email Reflector is being worked on.

Old Business:

1. Mike followed up with the City to find out status of our lease agreement. No change.
2. Club's Vision for 2019—how are we doing: 86 contacts on shack day in Feb.
3. Talked about supporting monthly DX contests to keep number of contacts up.
 - Virginia QSO Party is March 16-17th (see rules next page)
 - We will provided pizza for club members as we have done in years past.
 - Hope to bring up two radios? Starts at 10 am on Sat March 16th, we can participate on Mar17th if there is interest.

4. News on Tour de Cure (4/27/2019) – Will email Deanie with ADA to inquire about the final route, rest stop locations and maps.
5. News on Field Day (6/22-23/2019)
 - o Our permit has been approved by the City to us Deep Creek Locks Park
6. 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. The 1st annual Tailgate Fest is on May 25th 2019
 - b. Flier: The Tailgate Fest Flyer has been posted on the CARS Website and an event page has been created and is now on the Clubs Calendar.
3. The CARS bank account has been linked to PayPal so we can take club dues credit card payments via the CARS website.
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: March 26th
 - o VA QSO party: March 16-17
 - o Gen/Tech License training starting Apr 20th
 - o Tour De Cure: Apr 27
 - o Ham Tailgate Fest: May 25
 - o Field Day: June 22-23
6. New membership application:
 - A. James Shelton (N4CVN) (Voted into club tonight)

Adjourn Time: 9:30