

CARS CLUB MEETING Minutes

(09/04/18)

Meeting called to order at _1934_____ Attendees: Members = 21 Visitors = 1 Total=22

- 1) Call to Order & Introductions
- 2) Previous club meeting minutes: Aug 6th minutes read by Van and accepted by membership.

Treasurer's Report (Jeff – KM4ALL):

- Currently 78 members 2 associates and 1 proposed we will vote on tonight. Club in good standing. On budget with many upcoming bills for insurance and other recurring expenses.

Committee Reports:

CARES – Van Rowe (KM4KBS) – Chesapeake EC

- Mike Logan give a review to the City on his experience in Puerto Rico during the hurricane last year.
- Working on some new handouts and pamphlets for Hamfest.
- New website: Van has creating a new website called **HamRadioTidewater.com** for all local clubs to post information. The site has links to CARS and other clubs within the Tidewater area.
- ARES will have a large demo at VB Hamfest on Saturday Sept 8th. This will include some Emerg Response Comm Vehicles and other information. Info on the Hamfest can be found later in the notes.

Communications Report & Repeater Status (Bill – N3WM):

1. 61—Working fine
2. 88—Working well and is being streamed on the website.
3. 44 –Working fine, Connected to WIRESEX radio in the shack with connection to WiresX system. Seems to work fine, though we have had periods where the system in the shack falls off line. More info on how to connect to WiresX will be provided soon.
4. 7030 controller –We have a controller and working to see if we can put it to use.
5. Physical Security Note--- Key box left open recently. Take time to make sure you lock up when leaving the shack. On key box, make sure you spin the combo wheels back to all zeros after locking the key back in the box. Please sign in when you visit during off hours.
6. Regarding the Kenwood radio, we are going to take out the filters and return to Paul and sell the radio as is (broken). First attempt to sell will be the VB Hamfest on Sept 8th.

Web services

- Website news---up and running. We want to add a place on the club web page for items on sale.
- Reflector is not working.

IT:

- Hot spot in the club house. All the
- Working on WIFI access and WIFI speed improvements
- WiresX, working on a set of instructions to help members connect to WiresX via the 444 repeater.
- Raspberry pie is on the internet. Log in and connect to internet. We used this system during the club meeting to connect to web sites and YouTube. Not super-fast but were able to view 720p videos.
- Access policy in work. In the meantime, only use internet access for Club and/or Armature Radio activities. Great way to access HAM training sites and videos.

Old Business:

- Club Shack Days / Fall cleaning and off-load of old computer equipment and other junk in store rooms.
 - Any volunteers to give a WinLink Express presentation?

- Tower Climb to check antennas and connections postponed into fall season; after Farmer's Market is over.
- General License Training in July and August: Exam was Aug 18. Two of the five students in the class took the test and passed the General Exam. Congratulation! Thank you, Paul, for providing the training and the VE team for administering the exam.
- We voted to purchase WiresX radio --Yaesu FTM-100 (approximately \$310.00)—Club voted to buy a radio for club WiresX radio. We are currently using a borrowed a radio from a club member to test the system and it seems to work well. Give it a try if you have a Yaesu radio with WiresX
- We voted to rising dues to \$20.00 per year in 2019. Last time the club raised the dues was back in 2006. New costs include costs to pay for internet service, web services, and field day costs. Also, club's liability insurance; replacing old and worn out equipment. A motion was made and seconded to raise the dues to \$20.00 per member starting next year. There were 15 members that voted yes and zero no votes.
- CARS Tailgate Fest this Spring (April?). The idea is that this is an event outside in a parking lot.
 - Preliminary planning:
 - Cost \$5.00 to attend and selling spaces are \$10.00 to sell what is in your trunk.
 - Hams can bring their old or unneeded equipment and help it find a new home.
 - Need a food truck or some way for people to get some food.
 - Looking for a venue: Any parking lot would work but someone suggested Big Ugly Brewery parking lot in Chesapeake. Actually, a large church parking lot would be best. We are checking with the City to see if they would allow CARS to use a City parking space.

50/50 Raffle: The winner, Bob N1ER, donated his winnings back to the Club. Thank you, sir!

New business

- Elections for new officers will happen at October 1st general meeting. We have opened the floor to nominations. All current officers have agreed to stay on if elected. No other nominations were received at the Sept general meeting. CARS will accept nomination any time before or at the Oct 1st meeting. The elections will be conducted at the Oct meeting with new officer terms starting in November. You must be at the meeting to vote.
- 2018 Virginia Beach Hamfest, September 8, 2018. Come on out and support. Good deals and great people. Vendors, Forms etc. Details below:
 - Virginia Beach Convention Center
 - 1000 19th Street Virginia Beach, VA 23451
 - Lat: 36.8462° N Lon: 75.9873° W
 - Talk-in has been changed and the new Frequency is: 146.895 – PL 141.3
 - DMR Suggested Simplex frequency 441.000 TG 99, TS 1
 - General Admission 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 - Tickets \$10.00
 - Forms
 - Room A
 - 9:00-10:00AM ARRL VE Exam Session
 - 10:01-11:00AM ARRL VE Exam Session
 - 11:01-12:00AM ARRL VE Exam Session
 - Room B
 - 9:00-10:00AM K4AMG/W4FOS Youth in Amateur Radio
 - 10:01-11:00AM Hampton Mesh Experience
 - 11:01-12:00AM Hampton Mesh Experience
 - 12:01-13:00PM VA SEC & ARES – John Roberts

- 13:01-14:00PM VA SEC & ARES – John Roberts
- 14:01-15:00PM SkyWarn – H. Waxman

- New Club Member Applications:

Approved one new member—

- Conner Black was voted into the CARS club. Welcome Connor Black!
- Reminder Next Shack Day September 15th. Theme will be cleaning up the shack again and getting rid of old and obsolete equipment, like old key boards, displays etc. See you there.
- Next CARS General Club Meeting is Monday Oct 1th. On that day we will have elections for Club Officers.

Meeting adjourned at: 2100__