

CARS CLUB MEETING MINUTES (10/01/18)

Meeting called to order at _1930_ Attendees: Members = 18 Visitors = 3 Total= 21

- 1) Call to Order & Introductions
- 2) Previous club meeting minutes of September 4th minutes read and accepted by membership.

Treasurer's Report (Jeff – KM4ALL):

- Club in good standing. He announce that he will be stepping down from position as treasure.

Committee Reports:

CARES – Van Rowe (KM4KBS) – Chesapeake EC

- 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. Van, Barry, Pat and Mike Logan. 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.
- The City of Chesapeake Emergency Coordinator EC, (Van) has registered for the new ARES Connect Logging Report System. Once 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.
- Steve Nowak has resigned from ARES and CARES.

Communications Report & Repeater Status (Bill – N3WM):

- Repeater are working fine.
- CARS controller status, working with Steve G 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.
- Closed action: Kenwood 850 HF Radio: filters removed and will be 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.
- We have the J-pole antennas in the shack. Giving one to new member, Conner Black.

Web services

- Website news---up and running. We added a place on the club web page for items on sale. If you have something for sail send it to one of the officers and it will be posted. I will come off after a month unless you request that it run again. Better if you include a picture to go with the listing. There is a link on the website for the President of CARS. If you send your for sale email to that address we will get it on the website.
- Reflector is not working, repairs in work.

IT:

- Working on WIFI Access policy.
- Raspberry pie is on the internet. In other words, if you sign into one of the displays at the comm stations using the station name and the CARS password you can get to the internet. It is not the fastest internet but will help you get to Ham related information.

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 expect 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. One of our members won a WiresX capable 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.
- CARS had many members present at VB Hamfest. It was a good Hamfest but unfortunately there were few vendors. However, the forums were very interesting.
 - One forum was on Mesh Network, sometimes called "Ad hoc" networks. One such network has been installed in Newport News. This network connects Newport News EOC with some hospitals and shelters. The advantage of a mesh network is that each node can pass traffic via other nodes automatically. So, if node A can reach node B but cannot reach node C then B will automatically relay messages addressed to node C. This might be a good digital presentation. Newport News will use this network if they lose internet connectivity during a disaster event.
 - Other forum was the Virginia ARES meeting. Big push for training. There was 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. Hard to argue with that. The training is not about communications per se, it is more about how the emeg. response system works and will enable communicators to better integrate into the system if/when activated.
 - Perhaps we could set-up our RasPiIP-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.
- Elections for new officers will happen at October general meeting. We opened 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 starting in November.

50/50 Raffle: Won by Dennis Watson and he has donated the \$24.00 dollars back to the club. So, we now know he is both generous and good-looking.

New business

- There were 18 members in good standing voting for Officers. This meets the 20% membership requirement. Jeff K decided he would not run for another term as Treasure and Bill Runyon said he would take over the duties of treasure. All officer ran unopposed and received unanimous support. Though Jeff has stepped down The president acknowledged what a great job Jeff has done at organizing the Treasury. We all appreciate his hard work and attention to detail. .
 - **New officers take over in November**
 - **Congratulations to:**
 - **President:** Mike T KK4OXH
 - **Vice President:** Dennis W KM4TJR
 - **Secretary:** Van R KM4KBS
 - **Treasure:** Bill R WF4R
- Van is setting up a meeting on a Sunday afternoon (Oct 7th) for DMR learning. Start time is around 2- 3 in the afternoon. Send him a note or just show up at the club house. Digital mobile radio (DMR) is an open digital mobile radio standard defined in the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) and used in commercial products around the world. It is exploding in popularity in the Amateur (HAM) radio world.
- Ham of the Year processes:

- Nominate at Oct Gen Mting: (Now)
 - Nominations at GM :
 - Mike McSherry KM4NNE
 - Steven Griggs KC4CAW*
 - Bill Mellema N3WM
 - Dennis Watson KM4TJR*
 - * these nominees may not meet the 3 year eligibility requirement and will not be eligible.
 - Nominations after the meeting:
 - Mike Tromba KK4OXH
 - Jeff Kayser KM4ALL
- Membership will voter at November Gen Meeting (Nov5th):
 - Award will be presented at December Christmas Dinner (Dec 3rd)
- Time to start thinking about Christmas Dinner.
 - Proposed date: Monday, Dec 3rd; make the event the general meeting for December.
 - Location: Ynot Pizza on Cedar Road. They have a private room. Room holds up to 50 people.
 - Spouses welcome. Individual checks. Cash bar.
 - Dennis Watson will set this up.
 - Any suggestions should be sent to him, (KM4TJR@gmail.com).
 - After the meeting a small committee went to visit the Ynot restaurant on Cedar rd and we have reserved Monday, Dec 3rd at 6:30 PM for the Holiday Party. Hope to see you there for this fun event. More info to follow. Link <https://www.ynotitalian.com/menus/pdf-of-menu/>:
 - Agenda: (maybe)
 - Ham of the Year presentation.
 - Karaoke---just kidding 😊.
 - CARS Year in review.
- New Club Member Applications:
 - Approved one new member at Oct meeting: Conner Black.
 - Today we approved David Allen KM4HJL as new CARS member.
 - Great to see these sharp young people wanting to be a part of our great club. Make sure you welcome them aboard.
- Upcoming Schedule:
 - Next shack day: October 20
 - Next Gen meeting: November 5th, don't miss it we will vote on Ham of the Year!
 - Next Board of Dir meeting Oct 30th
 - CARS Holliday Party: Dec 3rd (Confirmed)
 - Next CARS Gen Membership meeting Jan 7th, 2019.
- John Humphrey W4IM was visiting CARS and he is running for ARRL Vice Director of Roanoke Division. See his bio here: <https://www.qrz.com/db/w4im>
 - He asked us to exercise our votes.

Meeting adjourned at: 2047