CARS BOD MEETING AGENDA
31 January 2022
Held In-Person & Virtually Via GoToMeeting
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Access Code: 789-571-853

Attendees:
- X Mike Tromba (WM4ST) – President
- X Gary Atkinson (K4GDA) – Vice President
- X Duane Ettwein (KJ4YKG) – Treasurer
- X Jeff Kayser (KM4ALL) – Communications Officer
- X Blair Gillam (NS1H) – Secretary

Others Present:
- X Steve Griggs (KC4CAW) – IT and Networks
- Van Rowe (KM4KBS) – ARES
- Harry Musser (KC4MUS) – Membership
- X John Cooper (N3JC) – PSOC Updates
- Sean N4SML
- Bill N3WM
- Chuck KN4LNO
- Connor Black (W4IPC)

Previous Minutes Review: (Blair NS1H)

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Treasurer’s Report: (Duane KJ4YKG)
- Status / Current balances:
  - Income: $240; Expenses: $92.57
  - Balances:
    - Checking: $8607.05
    - PayPal: $86.20
    - Square: $19.12
    - Prepaid Dues Liabilities: $80
- Budget Update: On Track

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**Communication Officer’s Report:** (Jeff KM4ALL)
- Status: All repeaters operational.
- Facility: Shack heat is out after the storm. Work order being submitted.
- Equipment:
  - Insurance claim filed for the 444 Amplifier (lightning strike). Check for $900 delivered to Duane this evening. A new 100W UHF Henry Radio amplifier and drop-out relay have been ordered (total ~$925). After the insurance claim, the amplifier replacement will only cost the club $25.
  - The Cavity Filter that was sold is still awaiting pickup. N3WM is reaching out to Derek (WV8DL).

**Committee Reports**

**ARES Report:** (Van KM4KBS – Chesapeake ARES EC)
- ARES: NSTR
- PSOC:
  - PSOC is participating in Winlink Wednesday & Winlink Thursday (Red Cross EMCOMM training)
  - Vara FM computer repaired and back up and running.
  - PSOC is investigating multiple options for a callsign change. Once finalized, the Vara and Winlink licenses will be updated and the training will be finalized.
  - PSOC provided a new internet connection and port forwarding has been enabled.

**IT Networks:** (Steven KC4CAW)
- Status:
  - CARS applied for and received a $3500 Azure grant for 1 year. All club members have a w4car.org email address. Steven is setting up a VM for remote access.

**Membership:** (Harry KC4MUS)
- Membership – 1 vetted application this month:
  - Dave Bell (K4FIV)

| Vote to Present Applicants for General Meeting Vote |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Motioned: KG4YKG                    | Seconded: NS1H |
| Accepted/Denied: Accepted           |                 |

**Old Business:**
- Christmas Dinner Reschedule
- Website Updates
  - Have 2 (possibly 3) club members providing content for our “On The Air” section. FT8 and APRS pages will be created/update this weekend prior to the General Meeting and DMR content is being worked on.
  - Calendar is up to date.
New Business

• Field Day 2022 updates
  - Did not receive shelter at the site
  - Still on track to get the same park location. Club will clean up the area behind the shelter prior to Field Day.
• W4IPC requesting access to the club house (after he pays dues)
• Club operation for Winter Field Day
  - Add to agenda for 2023
  - Need a volunteer to lead event planning for Winter Field Day 2023
• 2022 Club Goals Review
  - Conduct license course – Extra (Complete)
  - Conduct license course – Tech (mid-March or April)
  - PSOC Training – Videos & training in development, awaiting call sign change
  - PSOC Training – Need to train up operators
  - Contest Training (instructors: Jim Rogers, Connor Black, Barry Priddy)
  - Solder & Power Pole class (@ Field Day 2022)
  - Shack Radio equipment training
    ▪ Radio & equipment (antennas, rotator, patch panel, logging software)
  - ARES Program
  - Fox Hunting – National Fox Hunt Day regional event
  - Winlink Training (w/ PSOC)
  - Satellite training
  - Events
    ▪ Tour de Cure
    ▪ PSOC
    ▪ Other local events (e.g. Shamrock Marathon)
    ▪ TailGator
    ▪ Fox Hunt
    ▪ Great Bridge Christmas Parade float (KC4MUS)
    ▪ Quarterly Contests
  - Shack Repairs
    ▪ Blinds
    ▪ Paint the walls
    ▪ Carpet
    ▪ Lights
    ▪ Gable vent repair, insulation in attic, roof leaks
  - Projects
    ▪ Station Grounding & Bonding
    ▪ Acquire new Kenwood radio (Complete)
    ▪ Youth Projects
      ▪ Tech class for ODU amateur radio club
• Other ideas: Moon bounce, Satcom CQ, setup a digital HF station in the shack, remote access

• Tailgator
  - N3WM will check on the church parking lot’s availability (April/May and October).
  - Will invite VFW to provide food support with their Hot Dog tent.
  - Request a volunteer to help lead the Tailgator.

• VE Update (Sean N4SML)
  - Per ARRL, 5 VE sessions must be given this year if we want to be “field stocked”.

• Calendar Review and Events Update
  - Next Shack Day: February 19, 2022 @ 10am
  - Next Virginia Beach ARC License Exam: February 10, 2022
  - CARS VE Session: February 26, 2022 @ 9:30am
  - Virginia QSO Party: March 19-20, 2022 (CARS Shack & PSOC on the air)
  - Shamrock Marathon: March 19-20, 2022
  - Tour de Cure: April 30, 2022
  - CARS Portable Derby: May 21, 2022 (May Shack Day)

• Contest Calendar:
  - ARRL School Club Roundup: February 14-18, 2022
  - ARRL DX Contest CW: February 19-20, 2022
  - ARRL DX Contest SSB: March 5-6, 2022
  - ARRL Rookie Roundup (Phone): April 10, 2022

Number of Members @ Meeting: In-Person: 7; Online: 5
Adjourn Time: 8:20pm