CARS CLUB MEETING MINUTES
7 February 2022
Held In-Person & Virtually Via GoToMeeting
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Meeting ID: 789-571-853

Officers: 
Start Time: 19:35

- X Mike Tromba (WM4ST) – President
- X Gary Atkinson (K4GDA) – Vice President
- X Duane Ettwein (KJ4YKG) – Club Treasurer (Virtual)
- X Jeff Kayser (KM4ALL) – Communications Officer
- Blair Gillam (NS1H) – Club Secretary (Not present)

Committee Leads:
- X Steven Griggs (KC4CAW) – IT and Network Projects
- Van Rowe (K4MKB) – ARES/CARES EC (Not present)
- Harry Musser (KC4MUS) – Membership (Not present)

Introductions around the room.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Gary (K4GDA)

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Treaser’s Report: Duane (KJ4YKG)
- Status/Current Balances: 8632.37
- Budget Update: Not present

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Communications: Jeff (KM4ALL)
- Rotator reported as not functioning properly. Initial check is good. Need to follow up with a more thorough assessment.
- Repeaters: 444.00 MHz amplifier claim filed and paid $900.00. Purchased replacement (100W) from Henry Radio with drop-out for a total of 925.00 including shipping. Net cost to CARS $25.
Facilities: Ceiling still leaking. Jeff requested visitors/meetings clean up the shack after use.

Committee Reports:
- IT and Network Projects: Steven (KC4CAW) All PAID members have CARS computer accounts. Login is Call Sign and initial password is on the dry erase board at the shack.
- ARES Report: Van (KM4KBS) – Chesapeake ARES EC
  - ARES: No report
  - PSOC:
    - John (N3JC) reports a patch cable at the PSOC junction box had RF burns and will be replaced. This will address high VSWR when power is above 200W.
    - Call Sign N4CEC (Chesapeake Emergency Communications) is available in 2 days and PSOC is applying for that call.
    - Recommendation that while waiting for Bernie Reiser’s call sign, we dedicate the Radio Room to him and name it the Bernie Reiser Radio Room. Mike (WM4ST) motioned to put up a plaque and all approved.
- Membership – 2 new applications this month
  - Dave Bell (K4FIV)
  - Matthew Harvey (KO4ROX)

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Old Business:
- Website Updates. Mike reiterated that we are:
  - Still looking for volunteer to pull together information on the following topics: CW, SSB, Contesting, Working Satellites, Fox Hunting, Antenna Design, SDR Receiving
  - Check out the FT8 page [https://w4car.org/on-air-activities/ft8/](https://w4car.org/on-air-activities/ft8/) for an example.

New Business:
- Next Shack Day (19 February 2022 @ 10am) was discussed
- Field Day Updates – The City of Chesapeake indicated the pavilions were not available but the area we used last year was available along with the back side of the services building. Permit not yet issued but expected soon.
- Spring TailGator Update – No confirmed date yet. Suggested to pick two dates but we settled on requesting April 23.
- 2022 Member Badges (hand out during break) – Done.
**** Break for 50/50 Raffle ****
Jeff (KM3ALL) was the winner. Total pot was 36 and Jeff donated his portion back to the club.

- CARS Portable Derby Mike (WM4ST) went over the rules as submitted by Jim (KG4WOJ) and answered questions. See attached

- Training & Testing Updates
  - Extra Course – In Progress by Bill Runyon (WF4R)
  - Technician Course – Planned for Mid-March or April – No date confirmed
  - VE Sessions – VEs required for 26 Feb at 0930 (actual start time – 0900 show time)

- Calendar – Went over the calendar below:
  - 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) – Note this is a Shack Day
  - Shamrock Marathon: March 19-20, 2022 – Need operators for the Marathon
  - Junk in the Trunk: 09 April
  - Tour de Cure: April 30, 2022 – Still waiting for routes
  - CARS Portable Derby: May 21, 2022 (May Shack Day) – As discussed

- Contest Calendar:
  - RTTY contest this coming weekend – 12-13 Feb
  - 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

- Email BOD any proposed calendar items/changes/corrections

- Other New Business or Discussion Points
  - Bill (KN4YGB) inquired about working with Civil Air Patrol Cadets and how we could communicate. Suggestions from the room (Jeff?) was to use split frequencies where CAP Cadets would transmit on their approved frequencies and Hams would listen and reply on Amateur Radio frequencies where Cadets would listen, keeping both groups in their authorized transmission frequencies.

Number of Members @ Meeting: 21 physical
7 virtual
Adjourn Time: 1852