CARS BOD MEETING AGENDA

29 March 2022

Held In-Person & Virtually Via Google Meet (NEW)
https://meet.goto.com/RaymondReis/cars-bod-and-membership-meetings
Meeting ID: 789-571-853

Attendees:  
• X Mike Tromba (WM4ST) – President  
• X Gary Atkinson (K4GDA) – Vice President (virtual)  
• 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  
• X Van Rowe (KM4KBS) – ARES  
• Harry Musser (KC4MUS) – Membership  
• X John Cooper (N3JC) – PSOC Updates  
• Bill N3WM  
• Shane AH2EJ  
• Sean N4SML (virtual)  
• Todd Smith (NOCALL)  
• Dennis K4DGW

Previous Minutes Review: (Blair NS1H)

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Treasurer’s Report: (Duane KJ4YKG)
  - Status / Current balances:
    • Income: $397.79, Expenses: $130.58  
    • Checking: $8,562.35  
    • PayPal: $48.81  
    • Square: $0  
    • Cash: $186.25  
    • Prepaid Dues: $100

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**Communication Officer’s Report:** (Jeff KM4ALL)
- Status: Everything is working. 145.450 repeater is now IDing again. 610 is working. 82 was working fine until Sunday afternoon—working again now.
- Facility:
- Equipment:
  - Rotator internal fuse may be blown. Rotator usage: brake button must be pressed first, and then the right/left button should be pressed.

**Committee Reports**

**ARES Report:** (Van KM4KBS – Chesapeake ARES EC)
  - ARES:
  - Tour de Cure: Met with ADA and receive rest stop locations. Information will be sent out
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Ask for volunteers (need 20) at next General Meeting.
  - **ACTION ITEM:** April 9, 2022

  - PSOC:
    - QSO Party
    - VHF Winlink Gateway project: new computer installed for the Vara FM Winlink node and the digipeater is now active.
  - 2023 Project: CARS Repeater linking project

**IT Networks:** (Steven KC4CAW)
- Status:
- **ACTION ITEM:** agenda item: All members see Steven for your w4car.org account info

**Membership:** (Harry KC4MUS)
- Membership – 5 vetted application this month:
  - Thomas Stout (KC4TCE)
  - Jason Rausch (KE4NYV) – Family application with Shaena (KI4UDD) & Sophia (NOCALL)
  - Walter Eley (KN4YGA)
  - Todd Smith (NOCALL – passed Tech & General on 3/26)
  - Danial Wozniak (NOCALL – passed Tech on 3/26)

**Vote to Present Applicants for General Meeting Vote**
Motioned: KJ4YKG
Seconded: NS1H
Accepted/Denied: Accepted

**Old Business:**
- CARS Portable Derby rules will be posted to [https://w4car.org/portable-derby/](https://w4car.org/portable-derby/) before the April General Meeting.
• **Spring Tailgator Updates**
  - Location & food truck confirmed.

• **ACTION ITEM for General Agenda: Junk in the Trunk**

• Field Day Planning updates
  - FD2022 rules have been finalized.
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Create a Field Day Committee
  - This year’s plan goal is to complete as many of the bonus items for points.

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**New Business**

• VA QSO Party After Action
  - Need fuses for rotator
  - KN4USS made his first HF contact... and then kept going.
  - **SHOW & TELL ITEM on AGENDA:** KJ4YKG has a voice/cw/rtty keyer to demo

• Membership Committee Lead Volunteer Needed
  - Harry KC4MUS has done an excellent job but needs to bow out. We are looking for a volunteer to help fill this role. Duties include reaching out to prospective members, contacting members when they are approved for membership, and assembling/distributing CARS New Member Welcome packets.
  - **GENERAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM:** Need Volunteer to serve as the Membership Chair

• Dual-Band VHF/UHF radio for PSOC (Winlink Gateway)
  - NS1H previously provided the PSOC a single band 2m radio (Alinco DR-135) and a DRA-50 USB interface to serve as the Winlink Vara FM gateway. Recommendation was made to purchase a Yaesu FTM-6000R dual band radio and the Yaesu CT-164 (10 pin to 6 pin mini DIN adapter) to allow future flexibility between 2m/440.

• CARS Digital Presence
  - GoToMeeting Link (**ACTION ITEM:** Have N3JC remind folks the link changed.)
  - QRZ Bio update (needs updates)
  - Posts to Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram

• Courses & VE Sessions
  - Technician Course – Starting April 5, 2022 (4 signed up so far)
  - VE Session – May 7, 2022 (paper exams)
  - “Virtual” BYOD VE Session Review (N4SML / AH2EJ)
    - Worked really well. Suggestion to purchase tablets for kiosk mode
  - ARRL is changing test fee to $5 for youth (<18) and ARRL is covering the initial $35 FCC fee.
  - Exam software created by same company behind Ham Study

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**General Meeting ACTION ITEM:** Add setup times for Tailgator to website

**ACTION ITEM:** Add Junk in the Trunk to General Meeting calendar events

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• Calendar Review and Events Update
  - Next Shack Day: April 16, 2022 @ 10am
  - Next Virginia Beach ARC License Exam: April 14, 2022
  - Spring TailGator: April 23, 2022 9am-3pm
- Tour de Cure: April 30, 2022
- CARS Portable Derby: May 21, 2022

- Contest Calendar:
  - ARRL Rookie Roundup (Phone): April 10, 2022
  - ARRL International Digital Contest: June 4-5, 2022
  - ARRL June VHF Contest: June 11-13, 2022
  - Field Day: June 25-26, 2022

Number of Members @ Meeting: 9 in-person; 4 online
Adjourn Time: 8:47pm