CARS CLUB MEETING AGENDA
4 April 2022
Held In-Person & Virtually Via GoToMeeting
https://meet.goto.com/RaymondReis/cars-bod-and-membership-meetings
Meeting ID: 789-571-853

Officers:  Start Time: 7:30pm
Number of Members @ Meeting: 9 online, 28 in-person

- X Mike Tromba (WM4ST) – President
- X Gary Atkinson (K4GDA) – Vice President
- X Duane Ettwein (KJ4YKG) – Club Treasurer
- X Jeff Kayser (KM4ALL) – Communications Officer
- X Blair Gillam (NS1H) – Club Secretary
- John Cooper (N3JC) – Past President (Board Member Position)

Committee Leads:
- X Steven Griggs (KC4CAW) – IT and Network Projects
- X Van Rowe (KM4KBS) – ARES/CARES EC
- X Harry Musser (KC4MUS) – Membership

Intros

Previous Meeting Minutes: Blair (NS1H)

ACTION ITEMS: Updates to March 2022 General meeting minutes:
- Fix date for APRS breakfast (April 30th)
- Fix Jason Rausch’s callsign in Alibis section

Vote to Accept the Previous Minutes
Motioned: KN4YGB
Seconded: K5VIP
Accepted/Denied: Accepted

Treasurer’s Report: Duane (KJ4YKG)
- Status/Current Balances:
  - Income: $397.79, Expenses: $130.58
  - Checking: $8,562.35
  - PayPal: $48.81
  - SQ: $0
  - Petty Cash: $186.25
  - Prepaid Dues: $100
- Budget Update: No significant changes
Vote to Accept the Treasurer’s Report
Motioned: KN4YGB
Seconded: Multiple
Accepted/Denied: Accepted

Communications: Jeff (KM4ALL)
- Repeater:
  - All repeaters are currently online.
  - 146.82 is running barefoot at reduced power (20W). 100W amplifier may be having heat problems.
- Facilities:
  - Shack heat has been fixed
  - Rotator currently not working due to blown fuse. Please refer to instructions on how to operate the rotator controller to prevent a blown fuse in the future.
- KM4ALL has been cleaning up the repeater cabling at Butts Station. To finish removing the various PL259 adapters, a recommendation was made to purchase Repeater Equipment Request
  - 2x Comet CF-4160N Duplexers
  - 3x ABR Industries 25400F-NM-6
  - 1x ABR Industries 25400F-NM-3

Vote to Approve up to $500 for Repeater Equipment Purchase
Motioned: KN4YGB
Seconded: KD4VQQ
Accepted/Denied: Accepted

Informal discussion on C4FM, digital mode usage on CARS repeaters, and restarting the digital net on Sunday’s night.

Committee Reports:
- IT and Network Projects: Steven (KC4CAW)
  - It works.
  - All paid members should see Steven for your w4car.org account info. This account will also allow you to login to the PSOC and work the Flex radios. You may need to complete additional training on Flex radio processes and procedures.

- ARES Report: Van (KM4KBS) – Chesapeake ARES EC
  - ARES:
    - Tour de Cure
      - Race event: April 30, 2022
      - At least 20 Volunteers needed
      - Route drive through on Saturday April 9, 2022 to determine which repeaters to use.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Send out email to interested club members who want to help with repeater coverage testing
  - Question: Will .79 repeater cover all rest stops?

- **PSOC:**
  - Station is still active in Winlink Wednesdays.
  - Winlink Vara FM VHF Gateway is acting as a digipeater. We are working to convert it to a full Winlink Vara FM Gateway node in the near future.

- **Membership**
  - **Membership Chair vacancy:** Harry KC4MUS is stepping down and we are looking for a volunteer to 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.
    - If interested, please email bod@w4car.org.
  - 5 new applications this month
    - Thomas Stout (KC4TCE)
    - Jason Rausch (KE4NYV) - Family app - Shaena (KI4UDD) & Sophia (NOCALL)
    - Walter Eley (KN4YGA)
    - Todd Smith (KO4ZGV – passed Tech & General on 3/26)
    - Daniel Wozniak (KO4ZGW – passed Tech on 3/26)

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**Old Business:**
- **CARS Portable Derby**
  - Rules available at [https://w4car.org/portable-derby/](https://w4car.org/portable-derby/)
  - Sign-up Sheet at May General Meeting
  - You need a power supply, radio, antenna, and a ham license.
  - The event’s purpose is to test communication skills and have a lot of fun.

- **Spring Tailgator:**
  - April 23, 2022 @ Apostles Lutheran Church (370 Johnstown Rd)
  - 9am – 3pm (tailgate setup starts at 8am)
  - Raffle around 12:30pm/1pm
  - Tickets available starting tonight. $5/person or $10 to tailgate
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Check on post to QRZ
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Schedule meeting for Raffle Prizes (N3FJP software, gas card, ARRL)

- 2022 Member Badges (hand out during break)
*** Break for 50/50 Raffle ***
$26 to club; $1 to KG4WOJ and $25 donated back to the club

**New Business:**
- **Next Shack Day:** April 16, 2022 @ 10am
- **Junk in the Trunk:** Saturday April 9, 2022, 8am-noon
- **Field Day 2022**
  - Committee volunteers needed for:
    - Food
    - Rules
  - **ACTION ITEM: Schedule meeting (after Tour de Cure)**
- **Show & Tell Keyer Demo (KJ4YKG)**
- **CARS Digital Presence**
  - GoToMeeting link has been updated.
  - Expect to see more activity on our Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Youtube pages (hopefully).
  - “For Sale” page on website
    - Send a note to bod@w4car.org or secretary@w4car.org if you have items to sell that you want listed.
- **Training & Testing Updates**
  - Technician Course – Duane (KJ4YKG)
    - Starting Tuesday April 5, 2022
    - Tuesday/Thursday 7pm-9pm until May 5, 2022
    - VE Test Session to follow on Saturday May 7, 2022
  - BYOD VE Session Review
    - Exam Tools (same developers behind HamStudy.com)
- **Upcoming VE Test Sessions – Sean (N4SML)**
  - Saturday May 7, 2022
  - Saturday August 27, 2022
  - Saturday November 12, 2022
- **Calendar**
  - Next Shack Day: April 16, 2022 @ 10am
  - Next Virginia Beach ARC License Exam: April 14, 2022
  - Tour de Cure: April 30, 2022
  - APRS Breakfast: April 30, 2022
  - CARS Portable Derby: May 21, 2022 (May Shack Day)
- **Contest Calendar:**
  - ARRL Rookie Roundup (Phone): April 10
  - ARRL International Digital Contest: June 4-5
  - ARRL June VHF Contest: June 11-13
  - Field Day: June 25-26
    - IARU HF World Championship: July 9-10
- **Email BOD any proposed calendar items/changes/corrections**
- **Other New Business or Discussion Points**
Adjourn Time: 9:30pm