

# CARS BOD MEETING MINUTES

June 2022 (Held 5 July 2022 due to Holiday)

**Held In-Person & Virtually Via GoToMeeting**

<https://meet.goto.com/RaymondReis/cars-bod-and-membership-meetings>

Meeting ID: 789-571-853

## Attendees:

Start Time: 7:07pm

- 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
- X Todd Smith (KO4ZGV) – Membership
- X John Cooper (N3JC) – PSOC Updates
- Bill N3WM
- Shane AH2EJ
- Jayson K2LOS
- Bryan K4LBL
- Jim KG4WOJ

## Previous Minutes Review: (Blair NS1H)

### Vote to Accept Minutes

Motioned: KM4ALL

Seconded: N3WM

Accepted/Denied: Accepted

## Treasurer's Report: (Duane KJ4YKG)

- Status / Current balances:

- Income: \$411.34, Expenses: \$1,519.67
- Checking: \$8,211.95
- PayPal: \$13.58
- Square: \$0
- Petty Cash: \$70
- Prepaid Dues Liabilities: \$230

### Vote to Accept Treasurer's Report

Motioned: KM4ALL

Seconded: N3WM

Accepted/Denied: Accepted

### **Communication Officer's Report:** (Jeff KM4ALL)

- Status: All repeaters up and operational. .150 battery backup failed and the emergency generator did not start. Unknown how long it was running on battery.
- Facility:
  - Equipment from Field Day has been put back but the shack needs to be cleaned.
  - Please don't turn off AC when leaving the shack.
- Equipment:
  - Yaesu radio: worked great during Field Day and is considered resolved.
  - Antenna rotator plans
  - Schedule tower drop

### **Committee Reports**

#### **ARES Report:** (Van KM4KBS – Chesapeake ARES EC)

- ARES:
- PSOC (N3JC):
  - Equipment worked well during Field Day. There was a minor issue with microphone audio drivers.
  - N3JC will be performing some repeater testing.
  - Proposing to EOC leadership to open the EOC Radio Station 1 Saturday a month (like CARS Shack Day but not on CARS Shack Day)

#### **IT Networks:** (Steven KC4CAW)

- Status: NSTR

#### **Membership:** (Todd KO4ZGV)

- Membership – 3 vetted applications this month:
  1. Jayson Williams (K2LOS)
  2. Richard Current (AE4IX)
  3. James Laratta (KD4ARJ) – using details from previous application

<b><u>Vote to Present Applicants for General Meeting Vote</u></b>
Motioned: NS1H
Seconded: K4GDA
Accepted/Denied: Accepted

### **Old Business:**

- Field Day After Action (BOD Level Discussion)
  - Location / Setup
    - The flies were annoying. Can city spray the night before?
    - In the future, need a single volunteer (non-officer) to plan Field Day.
    - Setup was different this year due to a new antenna. The antenna mast borrowed from AH2EJ was amazing. The Buddihex SWR was <2:1 across entire band

- Learned on the fly:
  - Had to move CW station/antenna across the parking lot in order to prevent interference
  - Need better radio/antenna/frequency management
  - Need to use the best antenna for the job
  - Need to share positions if operators are available
  - Next year, put a 80/40/20 triplexer on the OCFD
  - 5A may have been a bit much this year
  - Radio & Tuner grounding. Had EMI issues this year.
  - Communication between stations (use HTs)
  - Each radio needs a callsign/exchange signage at radio and what frequencies are authorized
- Food
  - Food was fantastic but spent more than we expected.
  - Need meal donation signage for collection box.
- Donations
  - Dinner donations collected were well below the expenses.
- Tech
  - WiFi signal between stations in the FD radius
  - Interface radio with thin client Raspberry pi?
- GOTA Station
  - 6m was not a good choice for GOTA this year.
  - Quick 5-minute presentation/slide deck on what is amateur radio for visitors
  - Jayson K2LOS volunteered to help with the GOTA station.
- Other
  - Need public welcome signage
  - “Emergency Communications Chesapeake, VA – Public Welcome”
  - Need to bring a coffeemaker next time
  - Need to ensure everything is setup before turning on the generators and operating.
  - Need to have some basic procedures for radio operators—what to do in the logging program
  - Need a dedicated radio and key for CW station that can stay.

### **New Business**

- July Camping Trip (KG4WOJ)
- HamClubOnline.com (NS1H)
  - Internal discussions on
- Courses & VE Sessions Updates
  - Proposed General Course: July 19 – August 25
  - VE Session: August 27, 2022
- Other Items?

- Calendar Review and Events Update
  - Next Shack Day: July 16, 2022 @ 10am
  - Next Virginia Beach ARC License Exam: July 14, 2022
  - Tidewater Hamfest & Swap Meet: August 13, 2022
  - Fall Tailgator: TBD
- Contest Calendar:
  - Thirteen Colonies: July 1-7, 2022
  - IARU HF World Championship: July 9-10, 2022
  - Rookie Roundup RTTY: August 21, 2022
  - September VHF Contest: September 10-12, 2022

Number of Members @ Meeting: 15

Adjourn Time: 8:56pm