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

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**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