CARS BOD MEETING AGENDA

July 26, 2022

Held In-Person & Virtually Via GoToMeeting
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  
• 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 (online) Todd Smith (KO4ZGV) – Membership  
• X (online) John Cooper (N3JC) – PSOC Updates  
• KN4STP (online)  
• KO4ZXI (online)  
• K4LBL (online)  
• WF4R (online)  
• KG4WOJ
• Guest

Previous Minutes Review: (Blair NS1H)

Vote to Accept Minutes  
Motioned: KM4ALL  
Seconded: NS1H  
Accepted/Denied: Accepted

Treasurer’s Report: (Duane KJ4YKG)  
- Status / Current balances:  
  • Income: $154, Expenses: $29.15  
  • Checking: $8,296.38  
  • Cash: $124  
  • PayPal: $0  
  • Square: $0  
  • Prepaid Dues Liabilities: $230

- Budget Update
Communication Officer’s Report: (Jeff KM4ALL)
- Status:
  - All repeaters online without issues.
  - .150 battery/generator issue may not be fully resolved. Radio station’s transmitter was down again due to commercial power failure and generator failure but our repeater was up and running on battery during the power failure.
- Facility:
  - Shack Alarm System: New system will be installed in the coming weeks.
  - City is negotiating with ACOE for shack building lease renewal.
- Equipment:
  - All radios in the shack are operational.
  - Proposed tower drop on September 24th @ 8am
  - Antenna suggestion: 300W 80-6m OCF ($250 on next year’s budget) to replace the 80m dipole.

Committee Reports
ARES Report: (Van KM4KBS – Chesapeake ARES EC)
- ARES:
  - No updates from the City.
- PSOC:
  - VHF amplifier on PSOC #1 is still not working; N3JC is testing with the other radio and will contact Q5 Tech.
  - RMS Gateway is working well.
  - Still considering a PSOC Shack Day weekend in the Fall.

IT Networks: (Steven KC4CAW)
- Status:
  - ACTION ITEM (NS1H): Add column to roster to track whether user has a w4car.org account or not.

Membership: (Todd KO4ZGV)
- Membership – No new & vetted applications this month

Old Business
- KG4WOJ has a 19 element 70cm yagi to vertically mount on the tower between the existing 6m and 2m antennas.

New Business
- 2022 Field Day Score: 2960 points
• Volunteer Callout
  - **ACTION ITEM (NS1H):** write up email copy calling for volunteers; send to N3JC by Wednesday night
  - Election Committee (August General Meeting)
  - Field Day Lead/Committee
• Portsmouth Hamfest
  - Plan to purchase at least 10 tickets and set up a club table w/ PSOC demo
  - Tailgator Advertisement flyers
  - Membership applications & recruitment
• CARS Fall Tailgator – October 1, 2022 (9am-1pm)
  - Food plans: Coffee & Donuts?
  - Advertising
• 2022-2023 Budget Planning
  - Will schedule a separate meeting to build out the budget
  - 300W 80-6m OCF
  - Mast for BuddiHex
• Courses & VE Sessions Updates
  - August 27 VE Session (Scantron-type Exam)
• VA Annual Report (due August 2022)
• Shenandoah Shenanigans
  - **ACTION ITEM (NS1H):** Add to General Meeting agenda (after the break & new business)
  - Future goal: Have EMCOMM team go out and setup at the top of the hill to relay.
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Potentially create write up for ARRL Club Event section
• Calendar Review and Events Update
  - Next Shack Day: August 20, 2022 @ 10am
  - Next Virginia Beach ARC License Exam: August 11, 2022
  - Berryville Hamfest: August 7, 2022 (6am-2pm)
  - Tidewater Hamfest & Swap Meet: August 13, 2022 (9am – 3pm)
  - CARS Tower Drop: September 24, 2022 @ 8am
  - Fall Tailgator: October 1, 2022 (9am – 1pm)
• Contest Calendar:
  - Rookie Roundup RTTY: August 21, 2022
  - September VHF Contest: September 10-12, 2022
  - ARRL Collegiate QSO Party: October 1-2, 2022
  - ARRL School Club Roundup: October 17-21, 2022
  - CQWW SSB: October 29-30, 2022

  Number of Members @ Meeting: 14
  Adjourn Time: 8:27pm