CARS CLUB MEETING MINUTES
6 February 2023
Held In-Person & Virtually Via GoToMeeting
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Meeting ID: 789-571-853
Start Time: 7:00PM

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Intros & Welcome

Everyone: Please sign in on the sign-in sheet that is going around.

Visitors: Make sure to check in with ______________ in the safety vest.

W4ODU ODU Club Update

McKenzie Denton (KO4GLN), president of ODU Amateur Radio Club (ODARC), is joining us remotely this evening to give a brief update on the ODU Club.

Duane KJ4YKG offered to visit the ODU club to present on CARS.

Several CARS members are serving as technical contacts to assist ODARC with equipment and remote radio access.

Previous Meeting Minutes
Blair (NS1H)
Vote to Accept the Previous Minutes
Motioned: K4GDA
Seconded: KJ4YKG
Accepted/Denied: Accepted

Treasurer’s Report
Duane (KJ4YKG)
- Status/Current Balances:
  - Income: $1,236.00
  - Expenses: $257.34
  - Checking: $8,945.97
  - PayPal: $391.10
  - Square: $19.12
  - Petty Cash: $186
  - Prepaid Dues Liabilities: $100
- ARRL Club Commission Program
  - CARS receives $15 for each new ARRL member and $5 for each ARRL renewal when you renew through the Club Commission Program. The renewal form will be placed on https://w4car.org and checks will need to be payable to “ARRL” but turned in to Duane KJ4YKG.
- Amazon Smile Program
- Amazon.com is discontinuing the AmazonSmile program.
- Budget Update:

Vote to Accept the Treasurer’s Report
Motioned: K4GDA
Seconded: Multiple
Accepted/Denied: Accepted

Communications
Jeff (KM4ALL)
- Repeaters:
  - All repeaters are up and operational.
  - Sunday Night Fusion Digital Net on 146.61 after the 8pm Sunday Night General Net wraps up.
- Facilities:
  - Shack has heat. Power & water have been on and off due to bathroom repairs downstairs. Contact KM4ALL if APRS or WIRES-X is not working.
- Equipment:
  - All equipment up and running except the Icom End-Fed Antenna. We will have to lower the tower or remove the Icom tuner box to repair the antenna.

Committee Reports
IT and Network Projects
Steven (KC4CAW)
Everything is up and running.

**ARES & PSOC Report**
Van (KM4KBS) & John (N3JC)

- **ARES:**
  - Tour de Cure is April 29, 2023. February planning meeting is on Thursday Feb 9th. Event will be at same location but routes and rest stop list is being updated.
  - Tom WS9B@cox.net from the VB ARES Team is looking for additional volunteers for the Shamrock 8k (Sat) and Marathon (Sun). Also looking for 2 people with military IDs or retired military IDs to operate a stop located on a military base.

- **PSOC:**
  - VHF amplifier is not working again.
  - PSOC is looking for operators to run the equipment.

**Membership**
Todd (KO4ZGV)
- It’s a new year and 2023 dues are due.
  - $20 for regular members
  - $10 for each additional family member, associate, or youth member.
  - We accept cash, check, PayPal, or credit card.
- Ham Club Online email invitations will be sent out this week.

- 3 new membership applications this month:
  - Sperry Davis (N4SD)
  - Steve McGowan (KI4EIN)
  - Barry Martinette (KQ4FOD)

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**Old Business**
- Club committee volunteer opportunities are still available.
  - ARES Committee: See Van KM4KBS or Mike WM4ST if you are interested in joining.
- Winter Field Day – KG4WOJ
  - WFD22 went well and there were several stations set up in the park. Minimal QRM. Most stations left at sundown but 1 station worked over night. It was a great success.

*** Break for 50/50 Raffle ***
WM4ST won and donated back to the club.
New Business

- Field Day Planning (Don KQ4AIP)
  - Field Day is the 4th weekend in June.
  - Volunteers needed:
    - Public Information Officer (will assemble the media kit): KN4ZXF
    - Safety Officer (to handle the safety items and ensure compliance)
    - Photographer: KX4GI
    - Band Plan Manager (to minimize QRM)
    - Food Coordinator

- Portable Ops Test Run (Mike WM4ST)
  - March 31st – April 2nd @ Northwest River Park
  - This event provides a chance to test out your radio and camping equipment prior to the next Shenandoah Adventure.
  - NRP will act as a base camp with stations from Shenandoah attempting to contact.

- Shenandoah Camping Trip – October 13th & 14th
  - 2 group campsites have been reserved and will serve as basecamp.
  - Roving groups will hike into the park and operate from the summits.
  - Planning to experiment with different modes and keep at least 1 station always on the air.
  - Cell phones do not work in the area—an HT is required.

- W1AW/4 Activation
  - ARRL has asked each state to activate W1AW twice this year.
  - 15-21 March: Sterling Park ARC is leading the March W1AW/4 activation event for Virginia. VA Stations can sign up at [http://bit.ly/3iYqWCS](http://bit.ly/3iYqWCS) and volunteer for an hour at a time on either Phone, CW, or Digital
  - 25 Oct – 1 Nov: The ARRL VA Section Affiliated Club Coordinator Mike WA8AHZ has asked if CARS would lead the Oct/Nov W1AW/4 event. This involves coordinating the signup process (using Google Sheets) and overseeing activities.

Training & Testing Updates

- Upcoming VE Test Sessions – Sean (N4SML)
  - March 11 (ARRL VEC) – 9:30am
  - May (ARRL VEC)
  - July (ARRL VEC)

Calendar

- Next Shack Day: February 18, 2023 @ 10am
- Next Virginia Beach ARC License Exam: February 9, 2023?
- Contest Calendar:
  - School Club Roundup: February 13-17, 2023
o International DX (CW): February 18-19, 2023
o International DX (Phone): March 4-5, 2023
o VA QSO Party: March 18-19, 2023
o Junk in the Trunk Tailgate Flea Market: April 1, 2023 (8am-noon)
o Gloucester MPARC Hamfest: April 8, 2023 (9am-4pm)
o RARSfest 2023: April 8, 2023

- Email BOD any proposed calendar items/changes/corrections
- Other New Business or Discussion Points

Number of Members @ Meeting: 10 online, 27 in-person
Adjourn Time: 8:24pm