Intros & Welcome

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

Visitors: Make sure to check in with the Ham in the safety vest to say hi.

Online: KO4ZGV, KJ4YKG, N4SML, KM4KBS, KM4TJY, WA3QWA, N3JC
In-Person: W3DRB, AH2EJ, KG4WOJ, KQ4AIP, KO4ROX

Previous Meeting Minutes
Blair (NS1H)

Vote to Accept the Previous Minutes
Motioned: KM4ALL
Seconded: K4GDA
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 (ARRL Membership) – Trialed the ARRL renewal process with NS1H’s ARRL membership renewal.
- AmazonSmile program ceasing February 20, 2023
- Budget Update:

  **Vote to Accept the Treasurer’s Report**
  Motioned: K4GDA
  Seconded: KM4ALL
  Accepted/Denied: Accepted

**Communications**
Jeff (KM4ALL)

- Repeaters:
- Facilities:
- Equipment:
  - Icom end fed is still down.
  - Previously approved purchase 80-10 OCF Dipole is out of stock but will be available in April.
  - Suppliers for previously approved purchased filter are embargoed due to Russian war against Ukraine. KM4ALL is investigating a new filter provider (VA6AM).

**Committee Reports**
**IT and Network Projects**
Steven (KC4CAW)

- Rack rails installed.

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

- ARES:
  - No updates from City.
  - Tour de Cure is April 29, 2023. Initial ADA planning meeting occurred. Expecting final routes and locations after the virtual planning meeting on February 9th meeting.
- Broadcastify feed is being updated to combine multiple Chesapeake repeaters into the feed.
- VA ARES communications have changed over the last few months.
- Multiple conversations between club members and CARS President are leading the club towards establishing a committee to handle the ARES role. Van would lead the committee with additional club members supporting.
- Short discussion on Skywarn in the local area and the club’s history with the Skywarn program.

  ▪ PSOC:
    - VHF amplifier is not working again.
    - Currently planning future Saturday training sessions at the PSOC.

**Membership**

Todd (KO4ZGV)

- Membership tracking will use Ham Club Online beginning after the February General Meeting. You start receiving emails from hamclubonline.com reminding you to create an account or renew your CARS membership.

- Constant Contact is still being used for BOD and General meeting notices. All constant contact messages for CARS have been pre-scheduled for the entire year.

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

**Vote to Accept New Members into CARS**

- Motioned: KM4ALL
- Seconded: K4GDA
- Accepted/Denied: Accepted

**Old Business**

- Club committee volunteer opportunities are still available.
  - ARES Emergency Coordinator – planning committee to help with ARES tasks.
  - CARS PR/Public Information Officer – KQ4AIP has a non-ham contact who would make a good initial PIO candidate to take on the role and mentor future club PIOs.

- Winter Field Day updates (KG4WOJ/W3DRB)
  - Went well—a big success—and everyone who came out and set up had unique stations. All stations were supposed to be using no more than 20W and stations self-separated across the band. QRM was minimized
between the multiple stations by changing directions and heights of the antennas.
o Planning to submit a park permit for WFD 2024 to allow for overnight operations.

- **General Meeting Start Time Change**
o Starting with the February 6, 2023, General Meeting, all future general meetings this year will start at **7pm** instead of 7:30pm. Multiple emails will go out and the website will be updated to reflect the new start time.

**New Business**

- **Field Day 2023 – Don (KQ4AIP)**
o WM4ST submitted the Park Permit & it was approved. KQ4AIP is assembling a FD book to ensure all required items are documented and
  o KG4WOJ volunteered to setup a SSTV station and operate the GOTA station.
  o Discussion about signs with “public welcome”.
  o HTs to be used for on-site communications.
  o Network map
  o Safety officer: need a volunteer
  o Food Coordinator: need a volunteer
  o Discussion on band/antenna management to minimize QRM between stations on-site.
  o Discussion on youth participation (scavenger hunt?)
  o **ACTION ITEM: Add Field Day planning to February General meeting**

- **Training & Testing Updates**
o Next Training Course – TBD
  o Upcoming VE Test Sessions – Sean (N4SML)
    ▪ March 11 (ARRL VEC)
    ▪ May (ARRL VEC)
    ▪ July (ARRL VEC)

- **Portable Ops Test Run – March 31st – April 2nd @ Northwest River Park**
o Operators can shake down their gear at Northwest River Park.
  o During same weekend, W3DRB is planning to scout Shenandoah in preparation for the Fall trip. Plan is to test comms paths from NRP to Shenandoah for comms plan development.

- **Donated Equipment**
o We have equipment that can used to create HF & VHF stations to loan out to newer hams. Additionally, Paul Buckwalter has offered youth-focused VHF Station for loan & purchase.
Discussion on elmering & radio equipment loan, interest essay, holding fun club activities to generate interest but we need to ensure all are welcome to participate in CARS. Additional discussion on collateralization to ensure club equipment is protected.

ACTION ITEM: KJ4YKG to create an equipment release letter/form with parental consent (test case with KQ4FUU)

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
  - International DX (CW): February 18-19, 2023
  - International DX (Phone): March 4-5, 2023
  - VA QSO Party: March 18-19, 2023
  - RARSfest 2023: April 8, 2023
- Email BOD any proposed calendar items/changes/corrections
- Other New Business or Discussion Points
  - ACTION ITEM: microphone in shack so online users can hear.
  - Short discussion on club shirts (t-shirts, polo, fleece) fundraiser via Custom Ink (or another)

Number of Members @ Meeting: 9 in-person, 7 online
Adjourn Time: 9:20pm