

09/22/2015

Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc. General Meeting

Meeting 5

Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR) called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Invocation given by Richard Strugis (KR4XN)

Welcome and Introductions

Applications for New Membership

- Tom Jackson (KM4LLO) *Paid*
- Dennis Mulhorn (KG4FRK) *Paid*
- Eric Baksin (KC9ASC) *Military*
 - Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) made a motion and Don Drawdy (N0FBV) seconded it and none were opposed to vote in Tom Jackson (KM4LLO).
 - Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) made a motion and Howard Weeks (K5JCP) seconded it and none were opposed to vote in Dennis Mulhorn (KG4FRK).
 - Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) made a motion and Pete LaPierre (K1OYQ) seconded it and none were opposed to vote in Eric Baksin (KC9ASC).

Treasurer's Report- Howard Weeks (K5JCP)

Howard Weeks (K5JCP) provided an update on the treasury from inception of the ARCCC, Inc. until now. The report will be placed on the ARCCC, Inc. website once ready.

Secretary Report- Shannon Covington (KK4MED)

The previous meeting minutes are on the website for review. www.ARCCC.org

Swap Table

Pete LaPierre (K1OYQ) has some items for sale. If you are interested please let him know.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oliver Hardy Festival-10/03/2015- Jim Cunningham (KV4YA)

- Anyone interested in participating on behalf of the ARCCC, Inc. please contact Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) to sign up.

Science Education Enrichment Day-10/10/2015 10AM-3PM

- Aiken County Emergency Management Communications Trailer
- 5 CW Code Stations
- 3 Morse Code Bracelet Station
- 2 QSL Card Making Stations
- PSK-31 Demonstration Station
- Trailer Tours
- 2 min. Elevator Briefings

- 2m HT 2 Way Talks
- Winlink 2000 Demonstration Station
- ARRL and Aiken EM Information Table and Handouts

Anyone that wants to Volunteer should contact Kent Hufford at KQ4KK@arrl.net

Third Annual Aiken County SC ARES GO KIT Exhibition and Contest- 10/17/2015

More information can be found on the ARCCC, Inc. website under upcoming events.

Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) made a motion to move all the committees over from the CCARC to the ARCCC, Inc. Pete LaPierre (K1OYQ) seconded it and none were opposed.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Repeater Committee - Howard Weeks (K5JCP)

- Changed the antenna at Doctors Hospital due to being hit by lighting.
- Sent off the Yaesu Fusion Repeater and they agreed to fix it.
- Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) suggested we get PowerGates on all Repeater.
 - Clifford Manasco (KM4ICV) made a motion to buy one powergate type device to test and Danny Messano (KE4RAP) seconded it. None were opposed.
 - Richard Strugis (KR4XN) will purchase the powergate type devices and will be reimbursed from Howard Weeks (K5JCP).
 - Danny Messano (KE4RAP) will donate 2 batteries to the club.
 - Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) made motion to buy two powergate type devices and Charles Pennington (K4GK) seconded it and none were opposed. It was discussed the powergate type devices could be installed on the 146.985 and the 444.900 repeaters since the 145.410 is using a Yaesu DR-1x and has a battery charger built in.
 - The 145.410 antenna was donated by Louis (K4IIE) and installed on 8/29/15 for Doctors Hospital.
 - Need to find out what frequency the 6 meter beacon is on and ensure it is consistent with what is populated throughout the internet sites.
- Request to purchase New Long Shank Combo Locks for club Facilities and other accesses.
- Request to purchase Log Books for Repeater Sites- For people to sign in and make notes on the purpose for the visit.
- JC Crawford (W4QK) made motion to purchase new long shank combo locks and log books for repeater sites and Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT) seconded it. None were opposed.

VE Team Committee - Dick Embry (KD4CK)

- VE Sessions will resume in November
- Radio Giveaway Promotion
- Dick Embry (KD4CK) - Discussed setting up a ham cram before the next test session due to numerous inquires.
- Cindy Cunningham (KM4DBA) discussed the radio academy at Grovetown Elementary and conducting a ham cram with the kids so they can take their test at the end of the 6 weeks course.

- Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) suggested that we conduct a radio giveaway at the 2016 VE sessions for the ones who test and if they pass get a ticket and do a drawing to see who wins. One radio will be given away per scheduled test session to someone who passes their exam.
- Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) made a motion to buy the radios for VE sessions giveaway and Don Drawdy (N0FBV) seconded it. None were opposed.
- Tom Jackson (KM4LLO) said he will write a check out for his Dues and donated \$100.00.
- Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR) also mentioned a club member who is not present tonight has previously mentioned he would be interested in sponsoring a couple of radios for such a program pending the approval of the membership.

Website Committee - Jim Cunningham (KV4YA)

- The website committee had a meeting at Jim's house and discussed creating a members only login part on the web page. Also have set up a group email list. Will work on getting the web site finished.

Constitution and Bylaws/501(c)7 Committee - Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS)

- Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) called the IRS and they recommend we complete the 990-N form at the end of the fiscal year to dissolve the old club on April 1st, 2015.
- We still need \$47.99 to complete the original obligation of the 501(c)3

Oliver Hardy Festival-10/03/2015 - Jim Cunningham (KV4YA)

- Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) has a signup sheet for anyone that wants to help out with the event and staff the table. Please contact Jim if you would like to participate.

Club Asset/Inventory Committee - Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ)

- Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) received a few more items that were found that will be added to the list including a Bird 43 Wattmeter which will be added.
- Request to Purchase the Club Yaesu FTM-400DR
 - We have received a request from John Carter (KJ4MC) to purchase the club FTM-400DR mobile Radio for \$400.00. Pete made a motion and Jerry seconded it. None were opposed.

Hamfest Augusta Committee - Shannon Covington (KK4MED)

- Set up a table with brochure displays and candy on the table and people stop by and sign up to be added to the email list. We received 2 new members and a renewal. A special thank you to Jim Cunningham (KV4YA), Cindy Cunningham (KM4DBA), Cameron Cunningham (KM4DBB), Carmen LaPierre (KE4QQ) and Shannon Covington (KK4MED) for staffing the table.
- Cindy Cunningham (KM4DBA) made a motion to purchase the Brochure Displays and Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) seconded it. None were opposed.

Recommendation to Create an Outreach Committee

- The Outreach Committee would encompass all outreach to include events below which would be subcommittees and would help eliminate individual committees for each event
 - Hamfest Augusta
 - Oliver Hardy Festival
 - Prepare and Aware Day
 - Columbia County Fair

- Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) made a motion to create an outreach Committee and Howard Weeks (K5JCP) seconded it. None were opposed.

Fund Raising Committee- Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ)

- Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) would like to explore fundraising opportunities including a raffle. Thoughts are to sell raffle tickets to everyone and not necessarily members of the amateur radio community. Prizes of the raffle would not necessarily be amateur radio related so it would appeal to members of the general public to purchase raffle tickets. There would be an incentive to each club member such as if you sell \$200.00 worth of ticket the club would pay your dues and ARRL dues for a year. These are just some ideas for right now and must be worked out if the membership approves.
- Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) made a motion for Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) to explore fundraising opportunities to include a raffle. Don Drawdy (N0FBV) seconded it. None were opposed.

Prepare and adware Day-10/10/2015 - Shannon Covington (KK4MED)

- Anyone interested in joining us to staff the table please let me know. We will meet about 8:00 A.M. to set up the table. Please email if would like to join KK4MED@ARRL.org.

2015 Christmas Dinner

- **Where: Olive Garden**
- **When: Dec 10th, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.**
- We will send out an email to the members to get a count so we can make reservations.
- Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) made a motion to have the christmas dinner at Olive Garden on Dec 10th, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. and Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) seconded it. None were opposed.

Club Logo

- Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR) made a recommendation to pick one of two most popular logos which were sent out for comment in August 2015.
- The members voted on the club logo and there was a tie. After a brief discussion John Crawford (W4QK) and Cliff Manasco (KM4ICV) decided to change their vote to allow a majority vote to be for the #1 logo. None were opposed.

Any Other Business

- Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR) inquired if there was any other business that needed to be brought forth before we conduct a raffle, go into the short presentation and adjourn the meeting.
- There was no other business.

Raffle

- Earl Welsh (KG4HIR) conducted a raffle for a receiver Eton E10 which he donated. Each club member received a ticket for free and additional tickets can be purchased for \$1 each.
- Once all tickets were distributed the drawing was performed and Charles Pennington (K4GK) won the receiver.

Presentation

Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) provided a presentation and demonstration on weatherproofing connectors.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.