

11/24/2015

Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc. General Meeting

Meeting 7

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

Invocation given by Richard Strugis (KR4XN)

Welcome and introductions

Applications for New Membership

- The following members were voted into the ARCCC, Inc.
 - Timothy Graziano (Tech)
 - Eric Kjeldergarrd (Extra)
 - Fred McNeely (General)
 - Justin Oursler (Tech)
 - Rory Rezzelle (Tech)
 - David Winkler (Tech)
 - Mike Murphey (General)

Treasurer's Report - Howard Weeks (K5JCP)

- Report accepted.

Secretary Report - Shannon Covington (KK4MED)

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

Swap Table

- The following individuals had items for sale on the swap table:
 - Clifford Manasco (KM4ICV)
 - Pete LaPierre (K1OYQ)
 - Louis Hernandez (K4IIE)
 - JC Crawford (W4QK)

UPDATES

Annual ARRL Membership Dues Increase

- ARRL Membership is going up \$10 per year to \$49.99 starting in January 2016.

Up Coming Events

- The ARCCC, Inc. Christmas Dinner will be held on December 10, 2015 at Olive Garden on Washington Road at 6:00 P.M.
 - Please bring a unwrapped gift and give it to Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) and he will get it to Pete LaPierre (K1OYQ) will drop them off at the Child Enrichment Center. Gifts can be for age 0-18.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Repeater Committee - Howard Weeks (K5JCP)

- Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) It was discussed to put the powergate on the 146.985 and 444.900 repeaters.
- Repeater Journals are now at the repeater sites. Also received and installed new locks for the Belair Road repeater site.
- A new dual Band Antenna (Model GP-6) has been installed at Doctors Hospital. Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) made a motion to reimburse Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) for the purchase of the new Antenna and Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT) seconded it. None were opposed.
- Discussed ARCCC, Inc. Repeater Initiative. Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) made a motion to start the process of determining what it will take to proceed with the repeater initiative which will provide better coverage over the entire County of Columbia and Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) seconded it. None were opposed.
- CTCSS consideration for all ARCCC, Inc repeaters. The process of eliminating CTCSS tones by using the standard CTCSS tone list and then removing CTCSS tones in the SERA tone pools for Georgia and South Carolina, followed by removing tones which appear in the most recent SERA Repeater Journal on all 8 Pairs of coordinated frequencies by the ARCCC, Inc on co-channel repeaters in the states of Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee. Pete LaPierre (K1OYQ) made a motion to put a tone of 71.9 on all ARCCC, Inc club repeaters and Clifford Manasco (KM4ICV) seconded it. None were opposed.
 - As a result of the motion, an application of the CTCSS tone of 71.9 will be made to SERA and upon coordination from SERA, the receive tone will be turned off and a transmit tone of 71.9 will be turned on for all ARCCC, Inc. repeaters except the 146.985 which will continue to transmit a tone of 100.0 until January 1st, 2016 when all repeaters will have the new 71.9 tone being transmitted and received. Additionally, notice will be sent via email, nets, website and other forms of communications to ensure all amateurs are aware of the CTCSS change.

VE Team Committee - Dick Embry (KD4CK)

- We will give away the Baofeng UV-82 at VE test sessions. Rusty will contact members who may be interested in donating to this cause.

Website Committee - Jim Cunningham (KV4YA)

- No Updates

Net Management Committee – Dick Embry (KD4CK)

- We are in need of Net Control Operators. Clifford Manasco (KM4ICV) stated he can become a net control operator soon.
- Also the ARES net may be being reduced to just a PSK net on Thursday nights. More information will be provided in 2016.

Presentation Committee – Need a Director

- Nothing to report.
- A question was raised regarding the normal meeting on the fourth Tuesday of December. Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) made a motion to move the December 22, 2015 meeting to be at the same time as the Christmas Dinner at Olive Garden on December 10, 2015 and Pete LaPierre (K1OYQ) seconded it. None were opposed.

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

- Still need \$47.99 to complete the cost of the 501(c)3

Chaplain/Visitation Committee - Richard Sturgis (KR4XN)

- Nothing new to report.

Outreach Committee - Jim Cunningham (KV4YA)Columbia County Fair

- Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) suggested getting matching club vests or something along the lines for club outreach.

Columbia County Board of Education STEAM- Cindy Cunningham (KM4DBA)

- Cindy spoke with the Grovetown Middle School Principal about getting ARCCC, Inc. members to go out and speak to the kids. Pete LaPierre (K1OYQ) and Cindy Cunningham (KM4DBA) will start a committee to work on this initiative. Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) suggested getting some ARRL books about Amateur Radio for kids to read in the media center at the school. Carmen LaPierre (K4EQQ) suggested people donating their test books at the VE Session once they have passed their exam.

Field Day Committee - Shannon Covington (KK4MED) Director

- Field Day 2016 Committee established and will start evaluating potential locations to hold our field day event
- Assistant Director- Jim Cunningham (KV4YA)
- Saturday, June 25, 2016 and Sunday, June 26th, 2016

Club Asset/Inventory Committee - Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ)

- We have received a couple of new pieces of equipment that will be added to the inventory/asset list.
- John Crawford (W4QK) inquired about a Barrett Model 912 125 Watt Dipole antenna which was club owned. Based on conversation among members present, no one knows where the antenna is at this time. John Crawford (W4QK) will send Rusty (KG4HIR) information on the antenna so it can be sent to the ARCCC, Inc. members. Rusty (KG4HIR) will send out an email to the ARCCC, Inc. members inquiring as to the antennas whereabouts.

Member Recruitment Committee - Need a Director

- Nothing to report.

Fund Raising Committee - Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ)

- Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) spoke to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office about getting a lottery license and since the license is good until December 31 every year we plan to wait until 2016 to apply so the license will be good all year.
- Would like to 100% participation with each member selling \$200.00 worth of raffle tickets for the ARCCC, Inc. As an incentive each member who sells \$200.00 worth of tickets would receive an annual membership to the ARCCC, Inc. an annual membership to the ARRL.

Meeting Agenda Items

- Anyone wishing to place an item on the ARCC Inc, Meeting Agenda should provider their request 7 days before.

Presentation - Richard Strugis (KR4XN)

- Wireless Telephone System
 - Village Telco

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 P.M.