

03/28/2017

Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc.

General Meeting #27

Rusty Welsh (KGHIR) Called the Meeting to Order at 19:00

Invocation led by Doyle Windham (WE4GW)

Welcome Special Guests and Introductions

Membership Applications

Randy Dunaway (KN4CAX)

***Motion** – Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) made a motion to accept the membership application and Dan Marshall (N1ADM) seconded it. None were opposed.

Treasurer's Report - Howard Weeks (K5JCP)

Bank Balance- \$6,413.26

Secretary Report of last month's meeting on Website - Shannon Covington (KK4MED)

***Motion** – Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT) made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from 2/28/17 Doyle Windham (WE4GW) and seconded it. None were opposed.

Pete LaPierre (K1OYQ) provided information about Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and applications to those interested in joining ARES in Columbia County, GA.

Presentations

- **Norm Selby (K0RFR)**
 - Tower Installation Process

Committee Director Reports

Asset/Inventory Committee- Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) and Walter Brumeloe (W4EFS)

- Working on updating the inventory list.

Chaplain and Visitation Committee – Doyle Windham (WE4GW)

- Gave an update on several individuals in need of prayer.
- Also, looking for a Co-Director to assist with this committee.

Field Day Committee – Dan Marshall (N1ADM) and Eric Cagle (KK4HZT)

- Will change the method of operating sign up times to allow for better ideas of when people plan to come out to operate in attempt to better use/organization equipment
- Will organize a 2017 ARRL Field Day Committee meeting soon to develop a plan before the next General Club meeting.

Fundraising Committee – Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) and Drew Andrew (KA5VLY)

- Have plenty of items on the swap table for sale, some items are from the donation of a silent key. Also, some items were at the recent tailgate event.

Mentoring Committee – Dan Marshall (N1ADM) and Eric Cagle (KK4HZT)

- Looking to get some training started soon with some of the other clubs.

Net Control Committee – Devon Harris (KM4PHT) and Dan Marshall (N1ADM)

- Net Controllers are still needed

Outreach Committee – Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) and Dan Marshall (N1ADM)

- Discussed determining if the club wished to participate as a Special Event Station, if so a Director is needed to coordinate the event prior to the Oliver Hardy Festival in October 2017. Dan Marshall (N1ADM) will assist anyone wishing to take on the Director position for this event.

Repeater Committee – Howard Weeks (K5JCP) and Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ)

- The company, International Crystal, that we buy the crystals from for our repeaters is going out of business. We are looking at a total of \$900.60 dollars to purchase crystals for the remaining Main and Backup Repeaters to complete the repeater project before they go out of business.
 - Motion – Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) made a motion to allow Walter Brumeloe (W4EFS) to spend up \$1,000 to order crystals from ICM before they go out of business if they can fill our order. Pete LaPierre (K1OYQ) seconded it. None were opposed and this motion has passed.

VE Team Committee – VEL Shannon Covington (KK4MED) and Cindy Cunningham (KM4DBA) Assistant

- Due to the relinquishing of Volunteer Examiner Liaison duties, we need a new VEL
 - Shannon Covington (KK4MED) accepted the responsibilities of VEL
- Due to the relinquishing of Volunteer Examiner Liaison Assisting duties by Shannon to take on the VEL responsibilities, we need a new VEL Assistant
 - Cindy Cunningham (KM4DBA) accepted the responsibilities of VEL Assistant
- If anyone has interest in providing an evening test session please let us know.
- If anyone has any additional test study books they are no longer using, please let us know as we like to pass these study manuals on to someone wanting to learn about the amateur radio hobby

New Business

- Dan Marshall (N1ADM) –Thinking about participating in the GA QSO party next month to make sure Columbia County is activated. He can do it as N1ADM or if anyone is interest from the club, he can make the station available for club members to drop by and use the club call sign to make contacts. The QSO Party runs from 2pm to 11:59pm on Saturday April 8th and from 10am to 7:59pm on Sunday April 9th, 2017 <http://www.georgiaqsoparty.org>

- Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR) – CHIRP Programming Workshop

- Dan Marshall (N1ADM) – Purchase of QSL Cards
 - Discuss about the club designing a club QSL card.
 - Dan Marshall (N1ADM)
 - Lewis Hernandez (K4IIE)
 - Devon Harris (KM4PHT)
 - Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT)
 - Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) - Director

Monthly Meeting Raffle Raised

- \$100.00

Meeting Adjourned at 21:50