

06/28/2016

Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc.

General Meeting 16

Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR) called the meeting to order at 19:00

Invocation given by Richard Sturgis (KR4XN)

Welcome and Introductions

Applications for New Membership

- The following members were voted into the ARCCC, Inc.
 - Gary Taylor (KK4RWU) Paid!
 - Samantha Clayborn (KM4NSF)

Treasurer's Report – Howard Weeks (K5JCP)

- \$1,896.65 Starting Balance
- \$308.00 Cash and Checks
- \$2,204.65 Ending Balance
 - Report Accepted

Secretary Report – Shannon Covington (KK4MED)

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

Swap Table

- Nothing provided to swap, sell or trade.

New Net Manager – Devon Harris (KM4PHT)

- Net Controllers Wanted!!!
 - ARCCC, Inc. Net
 - Monday's at 7:30 PM Local Time on 146.985 TSqI 71.9
 - East Central GA ARES Net
 - Monday's at 20:30 on 147.120 No Tone
 - AmRRON Net
 - Monday's at 21:00 on 146.985, 71.9 TSqI
 - PSK125 Net has been discontinued

Upcoming Events

- 07-09-2016- VE Session
- 09-03-2016- Shelby Hamfest
- 09-17-2016- Prepare and Aware Day
- 10-01-2016- Rock Hill Hamfest
- 10-01-2016- Oliver Hardy Festival
- 10-01-2016- SEED
- 11-05-2016- Stone Mountain Hamfest

Committee Updates

- Outreach committee
 - 4th Annual Family Emergency Ready Day in Richmond County
 - October 8th, 2016 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
 - Augusta Mall Parking Lot
 - Near P.F. Chang's
 - Mike Murphey (KI4WWG) said he was approached by Boy Scout troops about having a session to help the scouts earn their merit badge for amateur radio.
 - The following members agreed to participate in this event:
 - Jim Cunningham (KV4YA)
 - Mike Murphey (KI4WWG)
 - Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT)
 - Shannon Covington (KK4MED)
 - Bob Hunter (KC4KPN)
 - Dan Marshall (N1ADM)
 - Cindy Cunningham (KM4DBA)
 - Samantha Clayborn (KM4NSF)
 - Mike McCoy (K4ECL)
 - Thomas Martignoni (KM4UDQ)
- **Repeater Committee – Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS)**
 - Pollard's Corner Repeater Site Update
 - Frequencies
 - 145.190 MHz 71.9 TSqI
 - 442.900 MHz 71.9 TSqI
 - Antenna Ordered, Received and Swept
 - Crystals Ordered, Received and Installed
 - Repeaters Tuned
 - Duplexers Tuned
 - Equipment Delivered to Tower Site
 - Resolution Passed by the CCBOC to allow ARCCC, Inc. to use the tower site equipment.
 - Completion Items

- 6 Coax Jumpers of Various lengths and connectors
- 1-Type N to unknown connector for 7-8" connectors on tower
- 1-Diplexer
- 1-PL-259 to Type N Male Adapter
- 1-9 Pin Hood
- 2-3' Anderson Power Pole Jumpers
- Combo Locks for Gates
- Combo Hide-a-key for access to radio room

MOTION

Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) made a motion that we purchase the equipment left needed for the Pollard's Corner Repeater Site and Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT) seconded it. None were opposed.

Field Day Committee – Shannon Covington (KK4MED) – Co-Chair Jim Cunningham (KV4YA)

- Field Day After Action Review
 - Great Job Kids and Great Job KM4NSF- 63 Contacts
 - N1ADM-41 Contacts
 - KK4MED-36 Contacts
 - KM4LOZ-20 Contacts
- Overall things went very smoothly- Thanks to All
 - Excellent Participation
 - Great food and lots of it
 - PC's Network, Logging, Batteries, Solar Panels, and Generator all worked flawlessly
 - Lots of Extra points scored
 - VE Test Session
- Publicity
 - Columbia County Magazine Article
 - Columbia News Times Newspaper Article
 - Visits from the public
 - Location was great-easy access, parking, kitchen, room for equipment etc.
- Some things could have gone better
 - Radio set-up issues/No digital modes/ No CW
 - Antenna Failure
 - Thoughts for Next Year
 - Better Chairs for Operators
 - Third chair for observer
 - Label Antenna Feed Lines
 - Label Computers
 - Test Each Radio
 - Need to monitor the K Index and Sunspots

- Need to have a printed out copy of the Section Abbreviation List
 - Logging Software Training prior to event
- We conducted a 50/50 raffle and made \$46.00. Barry Fraley (AB4BF) won the prize and donated the winnings back to the club.
- 2017 Field Day Committee
 - 2017 Field Day Committee Members were chosen
 - Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) Chair
 - Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT) Co-Chair
 - Dan Marshall (N1ADM) Co-Chair
 - Barry Fraley (AB4BF) Co-Chair (Tentative)
 - 2017 Field Day Events
 - Winter Field Day (January 2017)
 - Club members discussed and decided as a group to participate in Winter Field Day in 2017 on January 28-29, 2017
 - Louis Hernandez (K4IIE) offered to allow the ARCCC, Inc. to participate in Winter Field Day on his property in Thomson, GA.
 - ARRL Field Day (June 2017)
 - Club members discussed and decided as a group to participate in Field Day at the Grovetown Lions Club again for 2017.
 - Shannon Covington (KK4MED) will contact the Lion's Club to inquire about reserving their facility for Field Day next year.

Fundraising Committee – Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ)

- Donations Needed!
 - 146.985 Repeater Building Repair
 - Rohn 45G Tower for Sell
 - 18" Face
 - 9-10" Sections
 - 1 Section has about 3' which is Bent
- Howard Weeks (K5JCP) made it known that he had an inquiry of purchase regarding several of the antennas (which are not useable in the amateur radio bands) for \$125 which had been donated to the ARCCC, Inc. from a local tower company.

MOTION

Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) made a motion to sell the surplus equipment that was donated to the club and Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT) seconded it. None were opposed.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:55