

**11/28/2017**

**Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc.**

**General Meeting #39**

**Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR) Called the Meeting to Order at 19:00**

**Invocation led by Richard Sturgis (KR4XN)**

**Welcome Special Guests and Introductions**

**Membership Applications**

**Treasurer's Report – Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT) – Nothing new to report.**

**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 10/24/17 and Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) seconded it. None were opposed.

**Committee Director Reports**

**Hamfest Exploratory Committee – Dan Marshall (N1ADM)**

- 9 members voted to hold; 4 voted opposed to hosting; 5 members are willing to help.

**Asset/Inventory Committee – Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) and Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS)**

- Nothing new to add

**Constitution and Bylaws Committee – Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) and Steve Clayborn (KJ4FSX)**

- Will work on the bylaws update for the VE Group.

**Field Day Committee – Shannon Covington (KK4MED) and Samantha Clayborn (KM4NSF)**

- Location – Louis Hernandez (K4IIE) has been kind enough to offer his Thompson property.
- 4A
- Set up at 8:00 AM
- Dan Marshall (N1ADM) will coordinate with Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) to get all club owned equipment from the various storage locations.
- Cindy Cunningham (KM4DBA) will lead the food sub-committee
  - **\*Motion** – Ray Gannaway (KJ4HZ) made a motion to allocate funds, not to exceed \$300.00, for anything needed including food for the Winter Field Day event and Norm Selby (N0RFR) seconded it. None were opposed.
  - **\*Motion** – Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) made a motion to purchase supplies requested to protect the club's equipment for field day not to exceed \$175.00 and Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) seconded it. None were opposed. Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT) will purchase the supplies on the list.

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

- In progress of getting a workshop in place for teaching a Technician course.

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

- Net Controllers are still needed
- Elmer Hour Net in 2018

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

- Oliver Hardy Update 10-07-2017
  - **\*Motion** – Dan Marshall (N1ADM) made motion to hold a special event station during Oliver Hardy to run a companion Stan Laurel Station with the Furness Amateur Radio Society in the UK and Ray Gannaway (KJ4HZ) seconded it. None were opposed.
  - **\*Motion** – Shannon Covington (KK4MED) made a motion for the club to set up a booth at the Oliver Hardy Festival for 2018 and Dan Marshall (N1ADM) seconded it. None were opposed.

#### **Oliver Hardy Committee 2018 – Shannon Covington (KK4MED) and Samantha Clayborn (KM4NSF)**

- Will provide an update as the event gets closer

#### **QSL Manager – Dan Marshall (N1ADM)**

- Nothing to report

#### **Repeater Committee – Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ)**

- Update from Repeater Committee Meeting on 11-17-2017
  - Need an IT Committee Member to assist in designing and implementing some of the computer related items.
  - Discussed the consideration of changing the courtesy tone on the repeaters to help identify the ARCCC, Inc. repeaters from any of the other repeaters in the area since most repeaters in the area have the same courtesy tone and similar hang time. More to come on this change as additional repeater build out occurs
  - Repeater site monitoring for various items such as temperature, door, light, etc.
  - The Repeater Committee have evaluated many of the available repeater controllers and recommend the SCOM controllers
  - Currently in discussions with the Wrens Repeater Trustee to offer the opportunity to assist with updating and backing up the Wrens Repeater
- With the current Repeater Committee updates, the Repeater Committee would like to make a few purchases to proceed with the Repeater Committee Mission
  - **\*Motion** – Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) made motion to move forward in working with Wrens trustee on adding, improvement and testing at the Wrens repeater site with the permission to spend \$125.00. Les Wilkinson (KN4EPI) Seconded it. None were opposed.
  - **\*Motion** – Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) made motion to buy 2 SCOM Repeater Controllers for a total of \$1,300.00. One repeater controller would be earmarked for the Belair Road Repeater Site (Flagship Repeater) and the other controller would be earmarked for the Pollard's Corner Repeater Site with the stipulation that this repeater controller may be tested out on a repeater built for the Wrens site as a test in coordination with the

Wrens Repeater Trustee and then relocated to the Pollard's Corner site. Bob Hunter (KC4KPN) seconded it. 2 opposed.

- **\*Motion** – Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) made a motion to fix and improve the current Echolink installation for not to exceed \$150.00 and Ray Gannaway (KJ4HZ) seconded it. None were opposed.

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

- Next test session is on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:00 AM at H2U Building

**Website Committee – Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR) and Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT)**

- **\*Motion** – Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR) made a motion to rename the Website Committee to IT Committee with a subcommittee named Website Committee. Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT) seconded it. None were opposed.

**Monthly Meeting Raffle Raised**

- Meeting Raffle \$ 55.00

**Meeting Adjourned at 21:00**