

07/23/2019

**Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc.
General Meeting # 66**

Dan Marshall (N1ADM) called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Invocation led by Devon Harris (KM4PHT)

Welcome Special Guests and Introductions

Special Recognition- plaque presented to the Columbia County EMA for use of facility for Field Day and club activities

Membership Applications

- Timothy Cochran, Susan Messik, and Tanner Beveridge
- ***Motion** – Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) made a motion to vote all three new applicants into the club; Rick McKnight (NO3K) seconded. None were opposed

Treasurer's Report – Steve Clayborn (KJ4FSX) – Current balance is \$3,956.93.85

- ***Motion** – Carmen LaPierre (K4EQQ) made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; JC Crawford (W4QK) seconded. None were opposed.

Secretary Report of last month's meeting on Website – Samantha Clayborn (KM4NSF)

- ***Motion** – Bill Clark (WK4F) made a motion to accept meeting minutes from 05/28/2019; Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT) seconded. None were opposed.

Committee Director Reports Field Day Committee – Pete LaPierre (K1OYQ) and JC Crawford (W4JQK) are Co-Directors for 2019

- After Action Review
- The club needs volunteers to serve as the new Co-Directors and members for 2020 Field Day Committee
- Winter Field Day will be January 25-26, 2020

VE Team Committee – VEL Shannon Covington (KK4MED)

- VE Test Sessions are held at Columbia County EOC at 650-B Ronald Reagan Drive Evans, GA, 30809 on the second Saturday of odd numbered months at 9:00 AM
- The club still needs a VEL Assistant for the VE Team Committee

Asset/Inventory Committee – Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) and Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) are Co-Directors

- There are still a few items for sale
- After comparing prices for other storage facilities in the area, the committee recommends staying in the current storage facility

Net Control Committee – Devon Harris (KM4PHT) and Bob Hunter (KC4KPN) are Co-Directors

- Net Controllers still needed
- Monday night Net at 7:30 on the 146.985, TSqI 71.9

Outreach Committee – Shannon Covington (KK4MED) and Steven (KN4RVU) are Co-Directors

- JOTA 2019 with the Boy Scouts of America from October 18-20, with primary operation on October 19. Steven requests volunteers to assist with JOTA.
- Oliver Hardy Festival October 5th with the possibility of running a special event station. Need a volunteer to coordinate the special event station.

Repeater Committee – Howard Weeks (K5JCP) and Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ) are Co-Directors

- Walter Brumbeloe explained the need to replace 3 crystals for the local repeaters. It will cost about \$150 plus shipping
- ***Motion-** Pete LaPierre (K1OYQ) authorized the repeater committee to spend up to \$200 to buy crystals for the repeaters, and JC Crawford (W4QK) seconded it. None opposed

Mentoring Committee – Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT) is a Co- Directors

- This committee still needs another Co-Director
- There have been several requests for Technician licensing course

Constitution and Bylaws Committee – Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR) is a Co-Director

- This committee still needs another Co-Director

IT Committee

- CiviCRM database in testing by the IT committee to be released to the BOD for training before being pushed to the club
- There will be a presentation on goals and repeater committee involvement later in the year

New Business

- ARCA multi-club swap meet
 - Rick McKnight (NO3K) will contact ARCA and bring information back to the club for the members to make a determination about participating in the multi-club swap meet
- Dan Marshall (N1ADM) asked club members to consider volunteering as instructors for a Technician License Course
- SCHeart will be offering License Courses for Technician to Extra in September

ARES and AmRRON updates

- ARES Columbia County EC Pete LaPierre (K1OYQ) and East Central Georgia DEC John McDonald (K4BR) provided updates on ARES activities and need for new ARES members
- Devon Harris (KM4PHT) provided an update on the AmRRON T-REX exercise scheduled for July 26-28. He also requested permission to use the club repeaters during the exercise, and K4KNS Trustee Richard Sturgis (KR4XN) granted permission.

Field Day After Action Review

- What Went Well:
 - Set up of antennas and filters
 - Good turnout of members and community
 - New FT8 digital mode
 - Using 3 identical stations lessened learning curve for operators
 - Distance between antennas and having single band antennas reduced interference
 - Operators were present for the duration of the event
 - Good youth Participation
 - Educational. Growth of the hobby with setup
 - Camaraderie between members and community
 - Having multiple monitors throughout the EOC
 - Food
 - Local law enforcement involvement
- Take Another Look At:
 - Set up network well before the event to improve troubleshooting and reduce down time
 - A/V Aids could be improved
 - Add a GOTA station

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM