

**08/25/2020**

**Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc.  
General Meeting # 83**

**This meeting was held online via Zoom, with livestream to the ARCCC, Inc. Facebook page. The meeting was also recorded, and a link to the YouTube video is available on the ARCCC, Inc. web page.**

**Dan Marshall (N1ADM) called the meeting to order at 19:00**

**Invocation** led by Devon Harris (KM4PHT)

**Welcome Special Guests and Introductions** held via roll call by the meeting host

**Membership Applications**

Five membership applications were received:

- David Vine, WA1EAW
- Scott McCluney, KN4RCR
- Terry Burton, W4ALK
- Robert Rosier, KG4ZAL
- Jack Steward, KG7LBW

- **\*Motion** – Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) made a motion to accept all five for club membership. Rick McKnight (NO3K) seconded. None were opposed

**Treasurer's Report – Steve Clayborn (KJ4FSX)** – Balance \$4,540.53 (\$1,558.96 available for operations after outstanding commitments)

The club received a payment of \$40.76 from Amazon Smile on August 20th

- **\*Motion** – Rick McKnight (NO3k) made a motion to accept the treasury report. Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) seconded. None were opposed

**The Secretary's Report for last month's meeting is on the club website**

- **\*Motion** – Bill Clark (WK4F) made a motion to accept the secretary's report. Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) seconded. None were opposed.

**Reminder of upcoming events in September:**

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| September 6 <sup>th</sup>  | ARCCC, Inc. BOD Meeting (online)      |
| September 12 <sup>th</sup> | ARCCC, Inc. VE Test Session           |
| September 22 <sup>nd</sup> | ARCCC, Inc. September General Meeting |

## Old Business

- Belair Rd repeater repair, PM and upgrades
  - Funds for tower work have been reserved
  - Initial site preparation (trenching & installing innerduct) on June 6<sup>th</sup>
  - 1-5/8" and 1-1/4" coax and fittings have been secured
  - Both pieces of coax will not fit in the 4" innerduct
  - Awaiting permission from county to schedule a work day to install additional conduit
- Storage, sale of club property
  - Members approved storage shed payment through end of September
  - Donation received to extend payment through October
  - Donations Subcommittee is in the process of identifying which items will be retained and which will be sold
  - List of items for sale will be posted on the ARCCC, Inc. web page for at least two weeks prior to advertising widely
  - Remaining items for will be made available at the ARCA Fall Swap Meet and online swap forums
  - Volunteers needed to assist with disposition, relocation, and possibly storage of club property
- Proposal for combined ARCA-ARCCC Winter Field Day event
  - ARCCC's FD Committee to work with ARCA's FD Committee to pursue this
  - Waiting for contact from ARCA's FD representative(s)
- Bring Your Own Project (BYOP) Workshop
  - On hold for now, will reschedule in Fall
  - Eight people have proposed projects for the workshop!
  - Hold the workshop concurrent with Winter Field Day?

## New Business

- Nominations Committee for Board of Directors Election
  - Steven Kitchings (KN4RVU), Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG), and Bill Clark (WK4F)
  - Board of Directors election will be during the November General Meeting
  - Nominations will be offered at the October meeting
  - A slate must be presented to club members by email at least two weeks prior to the November meeting
  - Secret ballot vote during the November General Meeting
  - An email was sent to all current club members on August 17<sup>th</sup> requesting a response for nominations
  - Nominations Committee will accept responses to the email through September 15<sup>th</sup>, and then begin contacting members who did not respond directly

- ARCCC, Inc. Christmas Party
  - Normally held in lieu of the December General Meeting
  - Need volunteer(s) to organize the event
- ARCCC, Inc. Annual Awards
  - Thomas E. Kohli Ham of the Year Award
  - NEW! Rookie of the Year Award (hams licensed for < 3 years)
  - Award criteria and nomination process will be sent to club members by email in September
  - Board of Directors will review and vote to select the winners
  - Current BoD members are not eligible for these awards
- Resuming In-Person Meetings
  - May need to find a new meeting location as Columbia County EOC may not be available
  - Considering resuming meetings at POB-1
- Ray Gannaway (KJ4HZ) provided an update on the ARCA's Summer Sizzler contest

**There were no other committee updates at this meeting**

#### **AmRRON – Devon Harris (KM4PHT)**

- Exercises using JS8, and preparing for incoming hurricanes
- AmRRON net on Monday evenings at 2100 on the 146.985 repeater, as well as the simplex net on Monday evenings at 2030 using 146.420 MHz

#### **Open Forum / Round Table Discussion**

Bill Clark (WK4F) shared that he was able to exchange APRS packets with the International Space Station (ISS), and monitored a QSO with the ISS from the transceiver in his truck.

Rick McKnight (NO3K) shared some additional information about ham radio on the ISS, and offered assistance for those interested in ham radio satellite communications. He also recommended using a tripod to support the Arrow antenna for satellite operations.

Robert McManus (KN4KQJ) proposed satellite communications and other workshops for Winter Field Day.

David Vine (WA1EAW) asked if there were other club members using the Kenwood TH-D74.

Military radio history was proposed as a future presentation topic, taking advantage of the Signal Corps at Fort Gordon.

- **\*Motion** – Devon Harris (KM4PHT) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ray Gannaway (KJ4HZ) seconded. None were opposed.

**Meeting Adjourned at 20:12**