

09/22/2020

**Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc.
General Meeting # 84**

This meeting was held online via Zoom, and was recorded, with a link to the YouTube posted 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

Nine membership applications were received from the VE test session on September 12th:

- Marina Kazragis, KO4HJY
- Robert Kazragis, KO4HJZ
- Ryan McCall, KO4JHV
- Karen Lawrence, KO4HJU
- Rachel Jones, KO4HLC
- John Schmidt, KO4GTU
- Thomas Hardin, KO4FFA
- Loyd Lewis, KO4HJW
- Jeffrey Hutto, KO4HJR

- ***Motion** – Devon Harris (KM4PHT) made a motion to accept all nine for club membership. Mark Bronson (AA1WO) seconded. None were opposed

Treasurer's Report – Steve Clayborn (KJ4FSX) – Balance \$4,850.34 (\$1,709.37 available for operations after outstanding commitments)

- ***Motion** – Pete LaPierre (K1OYQ) made a motion to accept the treasury report. Shannon Covington (KK4MED) seconded. None were opposed

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

- ***Motion** – Richard Sturgis (KR4XN) made a motion to accept the secretary's report. Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) seconded. None were opposed.

Reminder of upcoming events:

- 10-17-2020 [ARCA Fall Swap Meet](#)
- 10-16/18-2020 [Jamboree on the Air \(JOTA\)](#)
- 10-27-2020 ARCCC, Inc. October Meeting *BoD Nominations*
- 11-14-2020 ARCCC, Inc. VE Test Session
- 11-24-2020 ARCCC, Inc. November Meeting *BoD Election*

- 01-30/31-2021 [Winter Field Day](#)
- TBD [BYOP Workshop](#)
- TBD ARCCC, Inc. Holiday Party & Awards Ceremony
- Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) mentioned that a local Girl Scout troop has requested assistance from the club for the scouts to earn radio merit badges. There is a possibility that the club could get free or discounted use of Camp Tanglewood for Winter Field Day if the merit badge class is offered there on the same day.

Old Business

- Belair Rd repeater repair, PM and upgrades
 - Funds for tower work have been reserved
 - Initial site preparation (trenching & installing innerduct) on June 6th
 - 1-5/8" and 1-1/4" coax and fittings have been secured
 - Both pieces of coax will not fit in the 4" innerduct
 - Received permission from county to schedule another work day to install additional conduit
- Storage of club property
 - Donation received to extend payment through October
 - Items are available for sale to club members only through September 30th
 - 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
- Bring Your Own Project (BYOP) Workshop
 - On hold for now, will reschedule in Fall
 - Eight people have proposed projects for the workshop!
 - Concurrent with Winter Field Day?
- Nominations for 2021-2022 Board of Directors Election
 - Nominations Committee: Steven Kitchings (KN4RVU), Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG), Bill Clark (WK4F)
 - Nominations will be presented/accepted at the October meeting
 - A slate must be presented to club members by email at least two weeks prior to the November meeting
 - Vote on candidates or slate during the November General Meeting
- ARCCC, Inc. Christmas Party
 - Normally held in lieu of the December General Meeting
 - Club should vote on whether to hold an in-person party/awards ceremony this year
 - If the decision is made to have a party, need volunteer(s) will be needed 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 sent to club members by email on September 20th
 - Board of Directors will review nominations and vote to select the winners
 - Current BoD members are not eligible for these awards
- Resuming In-Person Meetings
 - We will possibly be holding online meetings through November
 - We will likely need to find a new location for meetings and testing sessions in 2021

ARCCC, Inc. Annual Awards Announcement

- Thomas Kohli Ham of the Year Award
- ARCCC, Inc. Rookie of the Year Award (licensed 3 years or less as of November 1st, 2020)

Minimum eligibility requirements:

- Licensed Amateur Radio Operator
- ARCCC, Inc. [member in good standing](#) *

* Members currently serving on the ARCCC, Inc. Board of Directors are not eligible for these awards

Some of the qualifications for consideration to determine the winner include, but are not limited to:

- Donation of significant effort or resources to ARCCC, Inc.
- Visible good example and “ambassador” for Amateur Radio in the community
- Elmer to new hams
- Individual preparedness (examples: emergency training, upgraded license, etc.)
- Regular participant in club meetings and events
- Net participation or Net Control Operator
- Volunteer Examiner and/or Instructor
- Nominations will close on November 1st
- The Board of Directors will hold a vote to select the winners in November
- If the club holds a holiday party in December, there will also be a ceremony to present the awards.
- Email with nomination instructions sent to all club members on September 20th

Club Property Sale Announcement

- Items are for sale to club members only through September 30th
- Some items are listed with asking prices, but we are accepting reasonable offers for all listed items through September 30th
- After October 1st, any unsold items will be made available to the public
 - Listed on the ARCCC, Inc. web page, with notifications sent to area clubs
- On October 17th, any remaining items will be made available for sale at the ARCA Swap Meet
- Watch email for updates (approximately every other day) on available items

There were no New Business items brought up during this meeting

Committee Updates:

Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR) informed the club that the Echolink on the 146.985 repeater was having intermittent issues. Rusty and Steven Kitchings (KN4RVU) swapped out batteries in the UPS so Echolink should be running normally now. Thank you to Steven for donating the new batteries.

David Corsiglia (WA6TWF) mentioned that he contacted the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta regarding Winter Field Day.

Devon Harris (KM4PHT) noted that the Net Control has been updated through December and invited people to contact him for training if they are interested in becoming a Net Control Operator. Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) offered to “shadow” new net controllers during their first net.

Shannon Covington (KK4MED) mentioned that she has one more programmed radio for giveaway at the VE test session, and that we need to coordinate with the Columbia County EMA to determine if tests can be administered from the EOC.

ARES – Pete LaPierre (K1OYQ), Susan Messick (WA0B)

Pete invited newly licensed ham radio operators to consider joining ARES. There are two events coming up during the Fall. First is the Annual Simulated Exercise Training during the weekend of October 3rd. More information is available on the Georgia ARES website. On November 14th, there will be an ARES and American Red Cross nationwide exercise using WinLink.

Pete is stepping down as the ARES EC for Columbia County, and Susan Messick (WA0B) is the new EC. The transition is in progress. Susan invited anyone interested in being an AEC to contact her.

Shawn Granato is the new Columbia County EMA Director. Shawn is interested in continuing to work with ARES and the ham radio community in Columbia County.

AmRRON – Devon Harris (KM4PHT)

Devon gave an overview of the mission of AmRRON. The group has been passing traffic via JS8Call, with relevant reports and observations from ham operators.

Reminder about the 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

Casper Fagerburg (KO4DQI) mentioned the possibility of starting an AmRRON net on the 145.490 ARCA repeater in Trenton. The net will likely be held on Thursday evenings.

Rachel Jones (KO4HLC) asked about the possibility of a radio programming presentation or workshop. Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR) stated that in-person training is more effective for radio programming.

- ***Motion** – Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cindy Cunningham (KM4DBA) seconded. None were opposed.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:18