11/24/2020 Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc. General Meeting # 87

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

Two application for membership were presented from the November VE test session:

- Clyde Ryals, KO4JSM
- Robert Rouse, KO4JSL

• *Motion – Robert McManus (KN4KQJ) made a motion to accept both applicants for club membership. Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) seconded. None were opposed

Treasurer's Report – Steve Clayborn (KJ4FSX) – Balance \$8.769.61 (\$5,788.24 available for operations after outstanding commitments)

- The club received a donation of \$39.46 from Amazon Smile on November 12th

• *Motion – David Corsiglia (WA6TWF) made a motion to accept the treasury report. Robert McManus (KN4KQJ) 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. David Corsiglia (WA6TWF) seconded. None were opposed.

Reminder of upcoming events:

- 12-21-2020 ARCCC, Inc. Holiday Party & Awards Ceremony
- 01-09-2021 ARCCC, Inc. VE Test Session
- 01-12-2021 ARCCC, Inc. BoD Meeting
- 01-26-2021 ARCCC, Inc. January Meeting
- 01-30/31-2021 <u>Winter Field Day</u>
- There will not be a General Club Meeting in December

Old Business

- Belair Rd Repeater
 - We will be able to install new coax without additional digging
 - Repeater Committee needs funds to purchase additional coax

• *Motion – Dan Marshall (N1ADM) made a motion to approve the Repeater Committee to spend up to \$1,400 to purchase additional hard line and materials to complete the Belair Rd repeater upgrades. Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) seconded. None were opposed.

- ARCA-ARCCC Winter Field Day event
 - Robert McManus (KN4KQJ) and David Corsiglia are ARCCC Field Day Committee Co-Directors
 - Casper Fagerburg (KO4DQI) is the ARCA representative for Winter Field Day
- Proposal for combined ARCA-ARCCC Winter Field Day event
 - Casper Fagerburg (KO4DQI) is the ARCA representative for Winter Field Day
 - David Corsiglia (WA6TWF) is the ARCCC representative for Winter Field Day
- Resuming In-Person Meetings
 - New board will decide on in-person vs. online meetings in 2021
 - We may need to find a new location for meetings and testing sessions in 2021

New Business

- The Nominations Committee presented the following slate of nominees for the election:
 - President Dan Marshall, N1ADM
 - Vice President Bill Clark, WK4F
 - Secretary Samantha Clayborn, KM4NSF
 - Treasurer Rick McKnight, NO3K
 - Board Member at Large David Corsiglia, WA6TWF

• *Motion – Robert McManus (KN4KQJ) made a motion to accept and vote in the slate, as presented by the Nominations Committee, as the new ARCCC, Inc. Board of Directors for 2021-2022. Devon Harris (KM4PHT) seconded. None were opposed.

- The new board members will take over during the Board of Directors meeting in January
- ARCCC, Inc. Christmas Party & Awards Ceremony
 - Will be held in lieu of the December General Meeting
 - Monday, December 21st, 6:30 PM at the Hyatt House Augusta Downtown
 - Invitation and RSVP instructions were sent by email to all club members
 - Please RSVP by December 14th

• *Motion – Dan Marshall (N1ADM) made a motion for the team planning the Holiday Party and Awards Ceremony to spend up to \$400 on food and supplies. Robert McManus (KN4KQJ) seconded. None were opposed.

- ARCCC, Inc. assistance to Savannah River Academy ARISS application
 - The club has agreed to support Savannah River Academy for their application to schedule a contact with an astronaut on the International Space Station
 - Rachel Jones (KO4HLC) and David Vine (WA1EAW) are the ARCCC, Inc. POCs
 - Requesting participation by ARCCC, Inc. members to provide support with equipment, expertise, and ham radio demonstrations to support the school's STEM programs
 - Programs developed by the club for the Savannah River Academy could also be adapted to support other area schools
 - Rick McKnight (NO3K), Samantha Clayborn (KM4NSF), and TJ Hardin (KO4FFA) volunteered to assist with this program

There were no additional Committee Updates during this meeting

ARES – Pete Susan Messick (WA0B)

Susan provided an update on the national drill that took place recently, which was very successful with over 1,700 contacts. Several from the CSRA participated using WInLink. Columbia County ARES team will be meeting with the Columbia County EMA to determine the way forward in the coming year. Susan also encouraged anyone interested in joining or learning more about ARES to contact her.

AmRRON – Devon Harris (KM4PHT)

Devon noted that the Monday evening simplex net has been growing, with more participation from stations in Georgia and South Carolina. AmRRON has an exercise coming up next month using ham radio digital communications. Devon has received requests to hold a Raspberry Pi class, and will setting that up in the near future.

• *Motion – Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) seconded. None were opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:02