

03/23/2021

**Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc.
General Meeting # 92**

This meeting was held online via Zoom, and was recorded, with a link to the YouTube video posted on the ARCCC, Inc. web page. The meeting was also streamed by Facebook Live to the club Facebook page.

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

Invocation led by Dan Marshall (N1ADM)

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

Membership Applications

16 applications for membership were presented:

From VE Test Session on March 13th:

- Corbin Cooney, KO4OQD
- Russ Dedrickson, KO4LDT
- Russell Fenton, KO4OQJ
- Jose George, KO4OQM
- Jesse Gill, KO4OQI
- Randolph Kanipe, KO4OQF
- Jameson Lewis, KO4OQO
- Marcus Roseman, KO4OQQ
- Mark Sisson, KO4OQK
- Camilla Reid, KO4OTE
- David Reid, KO4OQP
- Marc Thompson, KO4OQE
- Glenn Todd, KO4OQR
- Aparna Vijayan, KO4OQH
- Mark Wilson, KO4OQL

New member application:

- Marion Butler, KO4NSY

• ***Motion** – Shannon Covington (AA1WO) made a motion to accept all 16 applicants for club membership. Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) seconded. None were opposed.

Treasurer's Report – Rick McKnight (NO3K) – Balance \$9,070.78 (\$4,569.09 available for operations after outstanding commitments)

- ***Motion** – Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) made a motion to accept the treasury report. Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT) 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. Rick McKnight (NO3K) seconded. None were opposed.

Reminder of upcoming events:

- 04-10-2021 [Ridge ARC Tailgater](#)
- 04-27-2021 ARCCC, Inc. April Meeting
- 06-05-2021 Atlanta Hamfest
- 06-26/27-2021 [ARRL Field Day](#)
- 08-21/22-2021 [Huntsville Hamfest](#)
- 08-28-2021 CCEMA Public Safety & Preparedness Day
- 09-03/05-2021 [Shelby Hamfest](#)
- 11-06/07-2021 [Stone Mountain Hamfest](#)

Old Business

- **Savannah River Academy ARISS Contact**
 - The window for the contact is July-December, with 1-2 week notice before the exact date.
 - We have started educational presentations for the students leading up to the contact.
 - Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-3:30, with 3 groups in 45-minute rotations, mostly grades 2-5
 - Next dates: March 24, March 31, April 14, April 21, April 28, May 5, May 12, May 19.
 - **We need more volunteers to help teach the students! Please contact Rachel Jones, KO4HLC**, if you can assist during one or more of these upcoming sessions.
 - **Other volunteer opportunities:**
 - Need hams on local repeaters to talk to the students, dates TBA.
 - Need operators to set up and assist students to make contacts on HF radios, dates TBA.
 - Need kit builders to assemble 10 morse code practice oscillators
 - Planning for a balloon launch with APRS/WSPR beacon and a kid’s fox hunt
 - **SRA Spirit Night, March 25, 6-8 PM**
 - Set up a display with flyers and information for outreach to students and parents.
- **Columbia County Public Safety and Preparedness Day, August 28th**
 - What are your ideas for club participation in this event?
 - We will need volunteers to coordinate and staff the event.
 - Bill Clark (WK4F) and Susan Messick (WA0B) will lead the ARCCC effort.
- **Resuming In-Person Meetings**
 - Barring any unforeseen circumstances, we will meet at the Columbia County EOC for our meeting on April 27th

- **Collection of annual membership dues is underway**
 - Thank you to those who have already responded
- **ARRL Field Day 2021**
 - Field Day is June 26-27, 2021
 - Rule waivers for 2020 have been extended
 - We need a committee and co-directors to organize ARCCC's participation
- **Belair Rd Repeater Work**
 - New cable and antennas should be installed in late April/early May

New Business

- **No new business was presented.**

Committee Updates:

- **VE:**
 - There were 22 people at the last VE test session.
 - This was Walter Brumbeloe's 100th VE test session!
 - ARRL has not yet raised testing fees.
 - We need more VEs on the team.
 - Looking for another location to hold additional test sessions on even numbered months.

ARES – Susan Messick (WA0B)

ARES will hold an exercise at Columbia County EOC on May 8 with American Red Cross.

AmRRON – Devon Harris (KM4PHT)

No report from AmRRON this month.

- ***Motion** – Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR) made a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) seconded. None were opposed.

The business meeting was adjourned at 19:52 to start the presentation.

Presentation by Eric Baksin, KC9ASC – Introduction