

02/01/2022

**Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc.
General Meeting #103**

This meeting was held in-person at the Columbia County EMA, and streamed live to the ARCCC, Inc. Facebook page.

Dan Marshall (N4MI) called the meeting to order at 19:00

Invocation led by Richard Sturgis (KR4XN).

Welcome and introductions

Presentation: Antenna Testing & Evaluation (K1OYQ, W4QK, WA6TWF)

Membership Applications:

- Mitch McCarthy, KN6MWO
- Darrell Horton, KO4VYL

****Motion** – Steven Kitchings (KN4RVU) made a motion to accept both candidates for membership. JC Crawford (W4QK) seconded. None were opposed.

Treasurer's Report – Current account balance is **\$9,815.69** as of January 29, 2022. \$2,450 has been reserved specifically for educational outreach.

****Motion** – Stacey Sharp (KK4RLF) made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. David Corsiglia (WA6TWF) seconded. None were opposed.

Secretary's Report for last month's meeting is posted on the club website. There is an amendment to the January minutes in the Repeater Committee section below.

****Motion** –David Corsiglia (WA6TWF) made a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) seconded. None were opposed.

Upcoming events:

- 02-11/13-2022 HamCation (Orlando FL)
- 02-12-2022 ARCCC, Inc. VE Test Session
- 02-26-2022 Dalton Hamfest
- 02-xx-2022 (TBD) ARCCC BoD Meeting
- 03-01-2022 ARCCC, Inc. March Meeting
- 03-11-2022 Charlotte Hamfest

Recognition of 2021 Annual Award Winners

- Shannon Covington, KK4MED, Thomas Kohli Ham of the Year Award
- Rachel Jones, KO4HLC, Rookie of the Year Award

Old Business

- **Still Seeking Volunteers for:**
 - ARRL Field Day 2022 (June)
 - Repeaters
 - Repeater Committee Co-Directors: Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR) and Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG)
 - Mentoring (internal)
 - Presentations, workshops, operating events
 - Outreach (external)
 - Academic – Rachel Jones (KO4HLC), Samantha Clayborn (KM4NSF)
 - Community and served organizations
 - Net Control Operators
 - Nominations (BoD Election in November)
- **Spend Plan for Educational Outreach**
 - \$2,450 (\$1,600 donation & \$850 from ARRL) to be used specifically for educational outreach programs and to support school/teacher involvement in amateur radio

New Business

- There was no new business presented

Committee Reports

- **Repeater Committee:** Amendment to the minutes from the January meeting by Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR) - In addition to what was reported in the minutes last month, the ARCCC, Inc. K4KNS will continue to maintain UHF frequency coordination for the Wrens Site in a Mixed Mode operation with SERA for DMR operation. The duplexer used for the DMR Repeater will be owned and maintained by the ARCCC, Inc. Only the DMR Repeater will be owned by an individual other than the ARCCC, Inc. Once testing is complete, the DMR Repeater Capabilities, Talkgroups and Schedules will be posted on the ARCCC, Inc. website.
- **IT Committee:** Tracking some recent hacks to the web site. A primary source has been located and shut down. The committee is also considering some changes to the entire back end of server that will be more reliable and less maintenance intensive.

Amateur Radio Club of Augusta

- ARCA February Meeting – Feb 15th
- ARCA Winter Swap Meet – Feb 19th

East Central/Columbia County ARES

- Anyone interested in joining ARES please contact Susie Messick, WA0B. Planning a training event for February if a venue can be found.

AmRRON

- Steven Kitchings (KN4RVU):
AmRRON has resumed monthly meetings which are the fourth Saturday of the month location and times tba each month and announced during nets.
- Additionally, there has been a GMRS net started on a repeater in Edgefield. This net is held each Monday evening at 2000 hrs local. The repeater frequency is 462.625 with a plus 5 MHz offset. The open tone for the local communications is 123.0 Hz in and out. There are other tones on that repeater that have precedence so be aware of that when using it. More information can be found about that repeater at <https://mygmrs.com/repeater/5483>
The trustee of that repeater is James KM4TWA you can reach him at WRMX280@jamesjweg.com for more info.

Review of Motions and Assignments

- ***Motion** – David Corsiglia (WA6TWF) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steven Kitchings (KN4RVU) seconded. None were opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:18.