

05/02/2023

Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc.

General Meeting #122

Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR) Called the Meeting to Order at 19:00

Invocation led by Richard Sturgis (KR4XN)

Welcome Special Guests and Introductions

Presentation

- John Crawford (W4QK) – RF Analyzer
- David Corsiglia (WA6TWF) – Faraday Shield

Upcoming Events

05-13-2023 Columbia County VE Test Session
05-13-2023 Forsyth, GA Tailgate/Swap Meet
05-16-2023 ARCA General Meeting- AmRRON
05-19/21-2023 Hamvention Xeria, OH
06-03-2023 Atlanta Hamfest
06-17-2023 Knoxville Hamfest and Electronics Convention
06-24/25-2023 ARRL Field Day
07-08-2023 Columbia County VE Test Session

Membership Applications – Treasurer Steve Clayborn (KJ4FSX)

- Marc Woodworth (KR4QT)
- Keith Conner (KQ4HDN)

***Motion** Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT) made a motion to accept all membership applications and Pete LaPierre (K1OYQ) seconded it. None were opposed.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Clayborn (KJ4FSX) - Treasurer's Report on Website for March 7th, 2023.

***Motion** David Corsiglia (WA6TWF) made a motion to accept the Treasures report and Robert McManus (KN4KQJ) seconded it. None were opposed.

Secretary Report of last month's meeting on Website for March 7th, 2023

***Motion** Eric Cagle (KK4H2T) made a motion to accept the secretary report post to the website and Bill Clark (WK4F) seconded it. None were opposed.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Groups.io – Discussed using the new system for club members to use to pay membership dues, join different groups, and send emails. Slides will be posted on the club website under documents for step-by-step instructions.

***Motion** – Dan Marshall (N4MI) provided a short demonstration of the use of Groups.io and made a motion to pay \$220.00 annual to support Groups.io for use as primary communications for the club. Robert McManus (KN4KQJ) seconded it. None were opposed.

VE Team Committee – VEL Shannon Covington (KK4MED), Bill Clark (WK4F) and Susan Messick (WA0V)

- Next Test session on Saturday May 13th, 2023 at 9:00 am. POB1 1305 Interstate Pkwy, Augusta, Ga. 30909. July 1st, 2023 General Test question pool changes.

Net Control Committee – Bill Clark (WK4F)

- Net Controllers Wanted
- Bill Clark (WK4F) will update net announcements and if you have any updates place email to him by 3:00 pm.

ARRL Field Day – Saturday June 24th 1400 unit Sunday June 25th, 2023 at 1400

- Shannon Covington (KK4MED)- Co-Director
- Bill Clark (WK4F)- Co-Director
 - Location: Boy Scout Facility on Three J Road off Fury's Ferry Road in Evans Ga.
 - Equipment: 3 Stations recommended to include CW, SSB and Digital modes. Satellite contacts will also be attempted.
 - Power Source: Use of three (3) large 200 AmpHr batteries (Two of which were donated to ARCCC by Sam Reeder, KO4QLC) This makes as a "3A GA" station in the contest with a multiplier for battery operations.
 - Antennas: Multi-band EFHW's/OCFDs/Dipoles? Will need three antennas and a center post for support. Also need rope for tie offs.
 - Support Equipment- Logging computers, software, and network cables, Coax from antennas to radios, tuners, band filters, Power strips, extension cords, RF Analyzer, Antenna Analyzer
 - Safety Equipment- Gloves, high Visibility tape ETC...
 - Food: Increase food budget to \$400 (from \$300) to allow for additional drinks due to the warmer weather. As an alternative to pizza and subs, hamburgers, and hotdogs with fixings and sides are recommended. Volunteers to cook will be needed.
 - 24-hour Operations: Recommend obtaining firm commitments from at least four operators between 11pm and 6am or cease operations at 11pm. If access to the facility can be obtained at 6am on Sunday morning then operations can resume until approximately 12 noon prior to breaking down.

***Motion**- Bill Clark (WK4F) made a motion for ARCCC to hold ARRL Field Day at the Boy Scout Facility in Evans, GA as a "3A" station. Hours of operation (including breakdown) will be a consensus of those who volunteer to Participate. Drinks and snacks along with a dinner consisting of hotdogs, hamburgers, and side dishes will be included. A not to exceed budget of \$400 is requested and David Slabodnick (KO4LDS) seconded it. None were opposed.

Review of Motions and Assignments

***Motion** – Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) made a motion to adjourn the meeting and David Slabodnick (KO4LDS) seconded. None were opposed.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:45