

01-10-2026

**Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting #166**

The Board of Directors meeting was held at 2 Boys Pizza in Evans, Ga.

Those present for the meeting were:

Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR) President
Dan Marshall (N4MI) Vice President
Bill Clark (WK4F) Treasurer
Shannon Welsh (KK4MED) Secretary
Steven Kitchings (KN4RVU) Board Member at Large

Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR) called the meeting to order at 12:30

Agenda and actions:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve BOD Meeting minutes for 11-04-2025
Motion: Dan Marshall (N4MI) made a motion to accept the BOD meeting minutes and Bill Clark (WK4F) seconded it. None were opposed.
3. **Determine next BOD Meeting Date, Time, and Location**
 - a) March 12th, 2026 at 18:30 at Your Pie, Grovetown, Ga.
4. **Discussion of Review of:**
 - a) ARRL Special Services Club- Two Year (renewed 09-26-2023)
 - I. Submitted 09-13-2025
 1. ARRL Confirmed receipt of SSC Application 09-16-2025
 - b) Treasurer
 - I. 2026 Raffle Permit from CCSO (Cher Purvis)
 1. Address Change- Bill to make change.
 - II. Columbia County Property Tax Exemption (Treasurer)
 - III. Club Inventory
 - c.) 2026 Appointees and Committees
 - I. Net Manager= Dan Marshall (N4MI)
 1. Net Control Operator Form on website
 2. Schedule Training (establish expectations)
 - II. Verify Co-Directors
 - III. Remove inactive members from various committees
 - d) Club Historian
 - I. Learn and document information regarding the K4KNS call sign
 - II. Document a Timeline to post on website
 - III. Knowledgebase
 1. Richard Sturgis
 2. John Carter

- 3. Louis Hernandez
- 4. John Crawford
- e.) Technician Course
 - I. Coordinated and in Progress
- f.) Microsoft Azure Grant
 - I. \$2000
- g.) Constitution and Bylaws
 - I. Proposed Updates-First Reading 01-06-2026
 - II. Assignment from 01-06-2026 General Meeting
 - 1. Develop and document a method for changing club dues
- h.) Fundraising Ideas (currently waiting on legal advice)
 - I. Tempest Weather Station
 - 1. <https://ambassador.tempset.earth/>
 - II. Dairy Queen
 - 1. <https://www.dairyqueen.com/en-us/giving-back/>
 - III. BridgeCom Affiliate
 - 1. https://www.bridgecomsystem.com/pages/become-an-affiliate?srsltid=AfmBOopXNyD-VfwIgOD3cXPahiqLahK5s0Q2meq0p5A_CLoO3BjXU6r
 - IV. Lido Radio 10-24-2025
 - 1. <https://af.uppromote.com/lidomounts/register>
 - IV. Ham Radio Prep 10-29-2025
 - 1. <https://hamradioprep.com/partnership/>
 - i.) Upcoming General Meeting Presentations
 - I. January 2026-2026 Annual Budget, Proposed Constitution and Bylaws changes, Winter Field Day
 - II. February 2026- Ropes and Knots- Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG)
 - III. March 2026- Basics of On-Air Operations- Bill Clark (WK4F)
 - j.) Upcoming Events/ Workshops
 - I. CHIRP Programming Workshops
 - II. Technician Courses
 - 1. Preston Harpe Medical Reserve Corps- 2026 when funding is restored.
 - k.) Clubhouse
 - I. Discussion of ARCCC, Inc. Clubhouse Vision
 - II. If a clubhouse is in the best interest of the ARCCC, Inc., a detailed document should be developed to present to the members to get their ideas on such an endeavor. This document should spell out the exact desires of the facility in full to include floorplan, expected finance requirements to maintain operation, how such a facility aligns with the mission stated in the ARCCC, Inc. Constitution and Bylaws, plans for use, expected plans to utilize in the best interest of the club, etc.
 - l.) Constitution and Bylaws revisions ongoing
 - m.) Considerations for maintaining a seamless transition to the new Board of Directors at the end of 2026

5. Miscellaneous Items

- a) Club Logo Working Rules Assignment
- b) Club Quiz

- c) 10 Year Review of 2026
- d) Time-Out-Timer Campaign?

6. Any Additional Items

- a) Vice President
- b) Secretary
- c) Treasurer
- d) Board Member at Large
- e) Co-Directors
- f) Members
- g) Guests

7. Review Motions and Assignments

Motion: Dan Marshall (N4MI) made a motion to adjourn the BOD meeting and Shannon Welsh (KK4MED) seconded it. None were opposed.

8. Adjourn @ 13:38