

03-13-2026

**Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting #169**

The Board of Directors meeting was held at New Ming Wah in Augusta, 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 17:03

Agenda and actions:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve BOD Meeting minutes for 01-10-2026
Motion: Steven Kitchings (KN4RVU) made a motion to accept the BOD meeting minutes and Dan Marshall (N4MI) seconded it. None were opposed.
3. **Determine next BOD Meeting Date, Time, and Location**
 - a) May 14th, 2026 at 18:30 at Your Pie in Evans, 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
 - 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 member from various committees
 - d) Develop standardized practice for those who apply for membership but do not pay dues and do not appear to meetings/events.
 - I. Currently there are two applications that are unpaid.
 - e) Club Historian
 - I. Learn and document information regarding the K4KNS call sign

- II. Document a Timeline to post on website
- III. Knowledgebase
 - 1. John Crawford
 - 2. Louis Hernandez
 - 3. Richard Sturgis
 - 4. John Carter
- f) GDPH Technician Course
 - I. Coordinated and in progress
- g) Microsoft Azure Grant
 - I. \$2000 Granted – Expiration 12-27-2026
- h) Constitution and Bylaws
 - I. Proposed Updates- Second Reading 02-03-2026
 - 1. Approved 02-03-2026
 - II. Now that family memberships no longer exist, what is the best draft to let those members know?
 - III. Now that the lifetime Members have a heartbeat requirement in the Bylaws what is the best draft for letting them know of the change? We can send out via HCO but need to be clear with each person with the change and how they need to proceed to continue membership.
 - 1. Currently there are 14 Lifetime members, two of which have invalid email addresses and one that does not have an email address at all.
- i) Fundraising ideas (currently waiting on legal advice)
 - I. Routine Raffles
 - II. Donations provided for the purchase of a Rolling Dry Erase Board for Workshops
 - III. Tempest Weather Station
 - 1. <https://ambassador.tempset.earth/>
 - IV. Dairy Queen
 - 1. <https://www.dairyqueen.com/en-us/giving-back/>
 - V. BridgeCom Affiliate
 - 1. https://www.bridgecomsystem.com/pages/become-an-affiliate?srsId=AfmBOopXNyD-VfwlgO-D3cXPahiqLahK5s0Q2meq0p5A_CLoO3BjXU6r
 - VI. Lido Radio 10-29-2026
 - 1. <https://af.uppromote.com/lidomounts/register>
 - VII. Ham Radio Prep 10-29-2025
 - 1. <https://hamradioprep.com/partnership/>
- j) Repeater Committee Update
 - I. Pollards Corner Site Power Loss (Walter has made cables)
 - 1. Need to install Power Gates
 - II. Seeking Location to install 6-Meter Beacon
 - III. Connection to Talkgroup Network will commence in the near future
 - 1. Bridge requirements have been obtained and working to coordinate connection to TGIF network
 - a.) First Option fell through with no result
 - b.) Currently working on establishing our own bridge to TGIF

- i. More than 80 hours from at least 4 folks have been working to get this bridge operational, still inoperable.
 - k) Upcoming General Meeting Presentations
 - I. April 2026 – Basics of On-Air-Operations- Bill Clark (WK4F)
 - II. May 2026 – Net Control Operations
 - III. June 2026 – ARDEN
 - IV. July 2026 – POTA
 - l) Upcoming Events/Workshops
 - I. 03-07-2026 – CHIRP Programming Workshops
 - II. 05-02-2026 – Columbia County Public Safety and Preparedness Fair
 - m) 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.
 - n) Constitution and Bylaw revisions ongoing
 - o) Considerations for maintain 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: Bill Clark (W4KF) made a motion to adjourn the BOD meeting and Steven Kitchings (KN4RVU) seconded it. None were opposed.

8. Adjourn @ 18:48