

08-08-2026

**Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting #175**

The Board of Directors meeting was held at New Ming Wah 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 12:38

Agenda and actions:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve BOD Meeting minutes for 05-14-2026
Motion: Bill Clark (WK4F) 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) September 12th, 2026 at New Ming Wah @ 12:30
4. **Discussion of Review of:**
 - a) Treasurer
 - I. 2026 Raffle Permit from CCSO (Cher Purvis)
 1. Address Change- Bill to make change. - Completed
 - II. Columbia County Property Tax Exemption (Treasurer) – Completed
 - III. Club Inventory - Completed
 - b) 2026 Appointees and Committees
 - I. Finance Committee- Marc Woodworth (KR4QT)
 1. Removed Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG)
 - II. Bylaws Committee Co-Director- Robert McManus (KN4KQJ)
 1. Removed Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) as Co-Director
 - III. IT Committee Co-Director- Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT)
 1. Removed Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) as Co-Director
 - IV. Outreach Co-Director- Shannon Welsh (KK4MED)
 1. Removed Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) as Co-Director
 - c) 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
 1. Need to develop and place on the working rules webpage.
 - d) 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
- e) IT Committee Update
 - I. Microsoft Azure Grant
 - 1. \$2000 Granted- Expiration 12-27-2026
 - a.) Administrators Set Up Temporarily through Azure until Single-Sign-On is completed.
 - i. Rusty Welsh
 - ii. Randall Blumberg
 - iii. Eric Cagle
 - iv. Bill Clark
 - II. AWS Tech Soup Credits applied
 - 1. New Servers
 - a.) Authentik-Single Sign on/User Authentication
 - b.) NGINX proxy Manager-Subdomain reverse proxy
 - c.) Mailcow
- f) Constitution and Bylaws
 - I. Proposed Updates- Should be read at September 2026 Meeting and then again at October 2026 meeting with request for approval.
 - 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.
 - 2. Review draft by Bill Clark

***Motion-** Steven Kitchings (KN4RVU) made a motion to accept the letter as written to send out to members about the lifetime membership change and Dan Marsahl (N4MI) seconded it. None were opposed.

- g) 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-D3cXPahigLahK5s0Q2meq0p5A_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/>
- h) 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.
- i) Upcoming General Meeting Presentations
 - I. July 2026- POTA
 - II. September 2026- Geochron (maybe)
 - III. October 2026- AmRRON
 - IV. November 2026- Net Control Operations
- j) Upcoming Events/Workshops
 - I. General Course
 1. In Progress of coordinating with instructors and facility.
 - a.) Likely Thursday Nights in September
- k) Completed Workshops
 - I. 08-01-2026- FLDigi Training Workshop= Robert McManus
- l) 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.
- m) Constitution and Bylaw revisions ongoing
- n) 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: Steven Kitchings (KN4RVU) made a motion to adjourn the BOD meeting and Bill Clark (WK4F) seconded it. None were opposed.

8. Adjourn @ 13:41