

05/07/2024

Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc.

General Meeting #139

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

Invocation led by Richard Sturgis (KR4XN)

Welcome Special Guests and Introductions

Presentation

- History of Ham Repeaters and First Ham Repeater on an Island- David Corsiglia (WA6TWF)

Upcoming Events

05-11-2024 CSRA Ham Exams Exam Session

05-11-2024 Forsyth Georgia Tailgate and swapfest

05-17/18/19-2024 Hamvention- Xenia OH

06-01-2024 Atlanta Hamfestival

06-08-2024 CSRA Ham Exams Session

06-15-2024 Knoxville Hamfest and Electronics Convention

06-22/23-2024 ARRL Field Day

07-13-2024 CSRA Ham Exams Session

08-10-2024 CSRA Ham Exams Session

08-17/18-2024 Huntsville Hamfest

08-30/09-01-2024 Shelby Hamfest

09-14-2024 CSRA Ham Exams Session

10-05-2024 Oliver Hardy Festival

10-05-2024 Rockhill Hamfest

Membership Applications

- Michelle Zavala (KQ4RFV)
- Chase Ryals (KQ4RFW)
- Richard Davidson (KU4WX)
- Richard Bell Jr. (WD4KQG)

***Motion** – David Slabodnick (KO4LDS) made a motion to accept membership applications and Marion Butler (KO4NSY) seconded it. None were opposed.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Clayborn (KJ4FSX) - Treasurer's Report on Website for April 2nd, 2024.

***Motion** – Sam Reeder (WW4ZT) – made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as posted on the website and Bill Clark (WK4F) – seconded it. None were opposed.

Secretary Report – of last month's meeting on Website for April 2nd, 2024.

***Motion** – Sam Reeder (WW4ZT) made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as posted on the website and Bill Clark (WK4F) seconded it. None were opposed.

Business Items

HamClubOnline.com

- Note: Membership Expiration Notices are sent 60 Days prior to the date of expiration.
- Note: There is a 7 Day Grace period where you can pay and not have to reapply for membership.

Groups.io

- <https://groups.io/g/arcccinc>

VE Team Committee – VEL Shannon Welsh (KK4MED), Bill Clark (WK4F) and Susan Messick (WA0B)

- Next Test session on Saturday May11th, 2024 at 9:00 am. POB1 1305 Interstate Pkwy, Augusta, Ga. 30909. Extra Test Pool Questions change on July 1st, 2024.

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.

Fox Hunts

- Beginning March 5th, 2024 there will be Fox Hunts before each ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting starting at 6 PM.
 - Fox #1 = 146.5650 MHz
 - Fox #2 = 146.0000 MHz
 - Contact David Corsiglia (WA6TWF) for more Info

IT Committee

- Email Sever Rebuild – TBD

Outreach Committee

- Columbia County Public Safety and Preparedness Day – April 20th, 2024 (9 AM- 2 PM)
- 35th Annual Oliver Hardy Festival- October 5th, 2024 from 9 AM- 4 PM

Bylaws Committee

- Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) Co-Director – Bill Clark (WK4F) Co-Director
 - Proposal/ Second Reading
 - Section 2.07- Board of Director Elections
 - Miscellaneous Updates and Grammatical Error Corrections (see slide)

*Motion – Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) made a motion to accept the Constitution and Bylaws changes as indicated in the published information and David Slabodnick (KO4LDS) seconded it. None were opposed.

Field Day Committee- Saturday June 22nd- Sunday June 23rd, 2024

- Marc Woodworth (KR4QT) – 2024 Co-Director
- Sam Reeder (WW4ZT) – 2024 Co-Director
 - To Join the Field Day Committee
 - You must join via Groups.io
 - <https://arcccinc.groups.io/g/fieldday/topics>

***Motion** – Steven Kitchings (KN4RVU) made a motion for the Field Day Committee to get up to \$300.00 for use of food and other things needed for Field Day and David Slabodnick (KO4LDS) seconded it. None were opposed.

Repeater Committee

- Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) – Co- Director
- Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS) – Co- Director

Competed Repeater Training Course

- 2 Consecutive Days of Training
- Class 1- Saturday, March 30th, 2024 – 9 AM to 5 PM
- Class 2- Saturday April 27th, 2024- 9 AM to 5 PM
- Class 2 Builds on what is learned in Class 1
- Belair Air Conditioner Swapped out.

Recently Donated Batteries

- 12 Volt, 220 Ah AGM
- 2 at Belair Site
- 2 at Pollards Corner Site
- 1 at Tobacco Road Site

***Motion** – David Slabodnick (KO4LDS) made a motion for the repeater committee to spend no more than \$900.00 on equipment to connect and charge the batteries at repeater sites and David Corsiglia (WA6TWF) seconded it. None were opposed.

Repeater Survey Results (04-18-2024 07:38 EDT – 05-01-2024 23:59 EDT)

- The repeater committee is seeking input from the club members regarding the installation of digital mode communications at one or more of the repeater sites. Please select up to three (3) of the modes listed below. Thank you
 1. DMR (46 votes, 38.3%)
 2. D- STAR (34 votes, 28.3%)
 3. Yaesu Fusion (23 votes, 19.2%)
 4. M17 (3 votes, 2.5%)
 5. P25 (9 votes, 7.5%)
 6. NXDN (5 votes, 4.2%)
- Election Statistics:
- 51 ballots cast; 96 ballots sent = 53% voted
- UHF DMR Repeater at the Belair Road Site- We have a donor that will donate all the equipment needed.

***Motion** – Steven Kitchings (KN4RVU) made a motion for the repeater committee to move forward with proceeding to pursue a DMR repeater for the club and Robert McManus (KN4KQJ) seconded it. None were opposed.

***Motion** – David Corsiglia (WA6TWF) made a motion to accept the full donation, own 100% of the donated equipment and provide the donor a donation letter and Daniel Nelms (KK4CNM) seconded it. Motion did not pass.

***Motion** – Robert McManus (KN4KQJ) made a motion that the repeater committee purchase a DMR repeater not to exceed \$3,500 and Steven Kitchings (KN4RVU) seconded it. Motion passed.

- The ARCCC, Inc. Repeater Committee will proceed with coordinating the purchase and installation of a DMR Repeater for the Belair Site to be used on the 444.900 Frequency pair. The ARCCC, Inc. Repeater Trustee will work with SERA to place the 444.900 repeater pair into mixed mode coordination.

Review of Motions and Assignments

***Motion** – Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT) made motion to adjourn the meeting and Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) seconded it. None were opposed.

Meeting Adjourned at 19:20