

**01/07/2025**

**Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc.**

**General Meeting #148**

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

**Invocation** led by Richard Sturgis (KR4XN)

**Welcome Special Guests and Introductions**

**Present 2024 Ham of the Year Award-** Robert McManus (KN4KQJ)

**Presentation**

- **Hurricane Helen After Action Review**

**Upcoming Events**

01-07-2025 ARCCC, Inc General Meeting  
01-09-2025 ARCCC, Inc BOD Meeting  
01-11-2025 Greenwood Hamfest  
01-11-2025 CSRAHamExams Exam Session (Last one till March) (CANCELLED)  
01-25/26-2025 Winter Field Day  
02-04-2025 ARCCC, Inc General Meeting  
02-07/09-2025 Orlando Hamcation  
02-22-2025 Dalton, GA Hamfest  
03-04-2025 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting  
03-07/08-2025 Charlotte, SC Hamfest  
03-08-2025 CSRAHamExams Exam Session  
03-15-2025 Sevier County, TN Hamfest  
04-01-2025 ARCCC, Inc, General Meeting (Geochron)  
04-05-2025 Ridge Amateur Radio Club Tailgate Batesburg-Leesville  
04-05-2025 Raleigh, NC Hamfest  
04-05-2025 CSRAHamExams Exam Session  
05-06-2025 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting (RTSystems)  
05-10-2025 CSRAHamExams Exam Session  
05-16/18-2025 Hamvention  
06-03-2025 ARCCC, Inc General Meeting  
06-07-2025 Atlanta Hamfest  
06-14-2025 CSRAHamExams Exam Session  
06-28/29-2025 ARRL Field Day  
07-01-2025 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting  
07-12-2025 CSRAHamExams Exam Session  
08-05-2025 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting  
08-09-2025 CSRAHamExams Exam Session  
08-16/17-2025 Huntsville, AL Hamfest  
08-29/31-2025 Shelby, NC Hamfest  
09-02-2025 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting

09-13-2025 CSRAHamExams Exam Session  
10-07-2025 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting  
10-11-2025 CSRAHamExams Exam Session  
10-17/19-2025 Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA)  
11-01/02-2025 Stone Mountain Hamfest  
11-04-2025 ARCCC, Inc. General Meeting  
11-08-2025 CSRAHamExams Exam Session  
12-02-2025 ARCCC, Inc. Annual Awards and Holiday Party  
12-13-2025 CSRAHamExams Exam Session

### **Upcoming Meeting Presentations**

- 01-07-2025 Helene AAR
- 03-04-2025- Battery Operations and Care
- 04-01-2025 Geochron
- 05-06-2025 RTSystems
- 06-03-2025 Rocket Machine Worx
- Ropers and Knots
- Meshtastic

### **Membership Applications**

- Hans Van Lonen (KQ4MTX)
- Steve Burinsky (K3SMB)

\***Motion** – Dan Marshall (N4MI) made a motion to accept membership applications and David Slabodnick (KO4LDS) seconded it. None opposed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Update from Treasurer Bill Clark (WK4F)
  - September 2024 Through 12-31-2024 reports no change Due to Cancelled October 2024 and November 2024 Meetings. Balance \$3,810.65

\***Motion** – David Slabodnick (KO4LDS) made a motion to accept Treasurers report as written and Robert McManus (KN4KQJ) seconded it. None were opposed.

**Secretary Report** – of last meeting on Website for September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 Meeting.

\***Motion** – JC Crawford (W4QK) made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as posted on the website and Louis Hernandez (K4IIE) seconded it. None were opposed.

### **2025 Annual Budget**

- Request for Approval- \$3,247.00
- Bill Clark (WK4F) will investigate liability insurance coverage for club events.

\***Motion** – David Slabodnick (KO4LDS) made a motion to accept the 2025 Annual Budget of \$3,247.00 and David Corsiglia (WA6TWF) 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 March 8th, 2025 at 9:00 am. POB1 1305 Interstate Pkwy, Augusta, Ga. 30909.

### 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.

### Board of Directors (BOD) Nominations & Elections for 2025-2026

- Member were notified at the Augusta meeting of upcoming BOD elections and were encouraged to self-nominate or nominate another club member to serve.
- A notification from Groups.io was sent on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 with detailed instructions on how to nominate an individual for a BOD position.
- Nominations were also accepted from the floor.
- The Bylaws Committee Co-Directors have received the following nominations:
  - President Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR)
  - Vice President Dan Marshall (N4MI)
  - Treasure Bill Clark (WK4F)
  - Secretary Shannon Welsh (KK4MED)
  - Member at Large Steven Kitchings (KN4RVU)
- As noted in the Groups.io notification, all club members in good standing received a ballot with all nominees for the five BOD positions via HamClubOnline on or about Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Ballots received after the deadline were not counted.
- Election results should have been shared at the October club meeting.
  - Due to the October 2024 Meeting Cancellation and uncontested election, the election results are being shared now.
- Thank you to those who have voted in the 2025-2026 election.
- 49% of the ARCCC, Inc. Membership voted in the test election.

### Newly Elected Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 Term

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

## 2025-2026 Appointments

- K4KNS Trustee – Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG)
- QSL Manger – Dan Marshall (N4MI)
- Net Manager – Bill Clark (WK4F)
- Presentations – Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT)

## Constitution and Bylaws/Nominations Committee

- Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) – Co-Director
- Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) – Co-Director
  - Proposed changes:
    - A Board Member can serve in the same position for no more than 5 consecutive years.
    - The nomination process will be determined by the Bylaws committee Director/Co-Directors.
  - This serves as the second reading of the proposed bylaws change. We invite your comments and feedback.
  - A Vote to accept the bylaws changes proposed is now needed.

\*Motion – Robert McManus (KN4KQJ) made a motion to accept the proposed change to the Constitution and Bylaws and David Slabodnick (KO4LDS) seconded it. None were opposed.

## Finance Committee

- Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG)
- David Slabodnick (KO4LDS)

## IT Committee

- Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR)
- Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG)
- Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT)

## Repeater Committee

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

## DMR Repeater

- DMR Repeater
  - Conventional Repeater Operation Only
  - 449.9000 In (Subscriber TX)
  - 444.9000 Out (Subscriber RX)
  - CC 15
  - Timeslot 1 – TG358
  - Timeslot 2 – TG985
- Belair Site Helene Updates
  - DB-224 is Slightly Bent
  - Repeater Shack does flood with enough water but also drains over time.
  - 146.985 was place on batteries for the duration of the power outage
  - UPS Batteries discharged completely and bulged during recharge (repaired)

- 6 Meter Repeater Relocation
  - Due to Damages Sustained during Helene 6 Meter Repeater Equipment was retrieved and relocated to the Belair Site.
  - After further discussion and donations, the 6 Meter Repeater was placed on the air at the Belair Site.
- 6 Meter Beacon Equipment was retrieved and relocated to the Belair Site.
  - Currently Off Air
- Currently seeking a new location for the ARCCC, Inc. 6 Meter Beacon.
  - 6 Meter Repeater Relocation Request
    - Free
    - Located in Columbia County, GA
    - Climate Controlled Secured Facility (w/Access)
    - Away from any other Amateur Radio Operations and where constant transmit will not interfere with anything nearby

#### **Field Day Committee**

- Edwin Davis (KQ4SRF) – 2025 Junior Co-Director
- Sam Reeder (WW4ZT) – 2025 Senior Co-Director
- Winter Field Day 2025
  - Set-Up at 9:00am and be on the air by 12PM.
  - Need diet soft drinks
  - Water has been donated
  - To Join the Field Day Committee
  - You must join via Groups.io
    - <http://arcccinc.groups.io/g/fieldday/topics>

#### **Review of Motions and Assignments**

\***Motion** – Randall Blumberg (KN4FYG) made motion to adjourn the meeting and Steven Kitchings (KN4RVU) seconded it. None were opposed.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:50