



KARC – Kingsport Amateur Radio Club
Website: W4TRC.org Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 14, 2024
Location: Press Room, Food City Center Street
Start Time: 1800 Adjourned: 1900
Presentation: Ham Radio Made Simple
Attendance: 23 present

Next Meeting: April 11, 2024
Location: Press Room,
Food City Center Street, Kingsport
Time: 1800 – Dinner; 1900 Meeting
Training/Presentation: TBD

Attending: Christina Compton, Justin Compton, Paul Stansfield, Jack Rutherford, Scottie Rutherford, Bill Powers, Rick Curtis, Tim Lee, John Williams, Neil Weber, Seth Conkin, Ron Burns, David Rottenberry, Tom Price, Randy Elkins, Greg Johnson, Dustin McClure, Ken Klotz, Daid Broome, Mary Ellen Broome, David Gully, Sabrina Gully, Joshua Carmack

Meeting Opened - Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

President's Report – Greg Johnson

- Still in process of organizing an NVIS net.
- Would like to have an antenna build contest with teams. Basic kit is approx. \$15 on amazon. Each team could build a different type of antenna. If club funds kits, club would keep antenna. If member pays for kit, the member would get to keep the antenna.
- Received proposal from Jack Rutherford to start a 2 Meter Simplex net. It has been determined that the 2 Meter Simplex net will be held each Sunday directly following the regularly scheduled KARC/BMRC Sunday evening 2 meter net. This will be a directed net, and the net controller will remain the same for both nets. Email will be sent with more information.

Treasurer's Report – Mary Ellen Broome

- Balances reported
- 51 paid members for 2024
- **NOW ACCEPTING DUES** for 2024, cutoff date is **April 01, 2024**.
- Reorganizing records by year and sorting into manilla envelopes.
- Mailed tax exemption form.
- Revisited topic of Norm Green having drake equipment, and what to do about it. Will revisit at next meeting.

Secretary's Report – Christina Compton

- Outlook issues reported. Unable to access contact lists, and showing 2 different email addresses for self.
- Condolence/Sympathy card sent to the family of silent key, Bob Warden.



Repeater Update – Dustin McClure

- Repeater is in good working order.
- Currently working on transfer paperwork.
- Would like to schedule a work day to clean up repeater site, incl. weed eating. **NEED VOLUNTEERS!**
 UPDATE: Neil, John Williams, and Greg have volunteered.
- Currently working on transfer paperwork.

OLD BUSINESS

- Boy Scouts/Club Scout Involvement: The Sequoyah Council will be training to receive their radio merit badges. Training will be conducted at the scout office behind the Bob Evans restaurant in Johnson City on Saturday April 27, 2024, and/or May 4, 2024, time is TBD. **NEED VOLUNTEERS!** Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Neil Weber (KM4NWH)
- Field Day: **NEED VOLUNTEERS!** Joshua Carmack will be updating the club website with a section for RSVP and to list what items will be brought by those attending. Mary Ellen proposed we handle food for Field Day in a “Pot Luck” style where everyone brings a dish, or something to contribute to the meal. Greg will be contacting Food City to ask if they will be willing to donate meats for Field Day, and we will need someone to volunteer to man the grill, and/or bring their own grill to the site (if allowed) as the grills on site are not the best.

NEW BUSINESS/FORUM DISCUSSIONS - UPDATED

- EVENTS FOR KARC PARTICIPATION: ****NEED VOLUNTEERS!!****
- Fun Fest **2024** – If we are going to be participating, we need to figure something out **SOON!**
- STEM Day – Johnson City **Town Acres April or May** Jason McCord
- Santa Train **2024 Mid-November**
- Static radio and voter registration table at public area like Food City
- Exchange Place **Spring 2024**
- Farmers Market Operating Table
- Netherland Inn – Rick will check on site renovation status for **2024**
- Shortwave Santa at hospitals
- Wooly Worm Festival – Special Event station **October 2024**