



KARC - Kingsport Amateur Radio Club

Website: W4TRC.org

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 11, 2024

Location: (Food City) The Press Room, 300 Clinchfield St., Kingsport TN

Start time: 1900 Adjourned: 2100

Presentation: SkyWarn - Dustin McClure

Attendance: 25

Next Meeting: May 09, 2024

Location: (Food City) The Press Room, 300 Clinchfield St., Kingsport TN

Time: (Dinner) 1800 (Meeting) 1900

Training/Presentation: TBA

Attending: Christina Compton, Justin Compton, Joshua Carmack, David Broome, Mary Ellen Broome, Greg Johnson, Larry Dale, Tom Price, Dutin McClure, Christian Johnson, Ronald Grooms, Neil Weber, Jack Trexler, Seth Conkin, Dennis Brickey, Tim Lee, Gus Stensler, Matt Babler, Rick Curtis, Joe Ewing, Charles Ewing, William Ewing, Scottie Rutherford, Jack Rutherford, Paul Stansfield

Meeting Opened: Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

President's Report: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FIELD DAY! Form on the website is LIVE as of 04/11. Go to W4TRC.org to RSVP and say what you will bring/do to contribute to field day. (NOTE: If you commit to bringing something, or doing something, for Field Day, please honor that commitment!)

Due to poor attendance for the Sunday evening 2 meter net, motion to move the net to a different night for a trial period of 2 months. Several members stated that Sunday nights are not convenient due to Church schedules/obligations. Most agreed upon Tuesday nights at 2000 (8pm) with the assumption that regularly scheduled net controllers will continue to perform net control duties on the new schedule. (Will be reaching out to net control stations who were not present at the meeting.) Simplex net will follow.

Discussions continued for NVIS Net as well as options for antenna build.

Discussion regarding the need for new banners, pamphlets, and signs for the club as old materials are dated and not suitable for some occasions. (Will follow up on this topic at a later time.)

Treasurer's Report: (Mary Ellen Broome)

Balances reported.

Cutoff for club dues for 2024 was extended to TODAY (04/11/2024) all who have not paid dues will be removed from email list.

Email sent to lapsed members.

Working on purging email lists as needed.

Discussion of Lifetime Members, and who should or should not be granted Lifetime Membership per their role and/or contributions within the club. For instance the individual who owns the property where the repeater is located shall be granted a Lifetime Membership as a courtesy and in appreciation from the club. Lifetime Memberships are not available for purchase and will be reserved for "VIP" persons only from this point forward.

Repeater Trustee Report: (Dutin McClure)

Work day was successful with much of the landscaping and clean up accomplished at the repeater site, however there is still work to be done, and volunteers would be greatly appreciated for another work day when weather and schedules allow.

Would like to move antennas higher to provide better access for those with med alert needs.

An email will be sent out with a date/time for the next workday at the repeater site, and a list of things that will be needed, or tasks that will need to be done. At this point, we know that a chainsaw and cutting tools would be beneficial to help with some light tree work needed.

OLD BUSINESS: Revisited topic of Norm Green and drake equipment. John Williams stated he had visited Norm, and that at the time of their visit Norm was in poor health, and the topic was not brought up due to the circumstances. (**Will revisit this topic at a later date.**)

NEW BUSINESS: Eastman Recreation Center, Recreation Fair on Thursday, April 18 from 11 am to 1:00 pm. Greg, Neil, and Randy have volunteered for this event, but more volunteers would be greatly appreciated.