



KARC - Kingsport Amateur Radio Club

Website: W4TRC.org

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: May 09 , 2024

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

Start time: 1900 Adjourned: 2100

Presentation: NVIS

Attendance: 31

Next Meeting: June 13, 2024

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

Time: (Dinner) 1800 (Meeting) 1900

Training/Presentation: TBA

Attending: Greg Johnson, Christina Compton, Justin Compton, Scottie Rutherford, Jack Rutherford, James "Brett" Richardson, Gus Stensler, Michael Lambert, Dustin McClure, Greg Laughlin, Quinton Carroll, Teresa Bailey, Ellen Diep, Deemer Diep, Larry Dale, Ken Klotz, David Broome, Mary Ellen Broome, John R. Williams, Tom Price, Neil Weber, Travis Hutchison, Lisa Berry, Ernest Freudeman, Rick Brooks, Ron Grooms, Jeff Henderson, Rick Curtis, Matt Babler, Ron Burns

Meeting Opened: Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. (Prayer request for Rick Johnson's wife due to health needs related to cancer diagnosis and treatment.)

President's Report: Field Day: **Update:** Dustin McClure will be taking account of sign-ups, and working to ensure that Field Day runs smoothly. Suggestion made of possibly having a schedule for operators. Will set up antennas Friday evening, and Field Day will start Saturday.

Weekly 2 meter net: **Update:** Participation has declined since moving the net to Tuesdays at 8pm. When the net schedule was originally changed, it was done so with the expectation of giving it 2 months to see whether it will be successful or not. At this time there is no plan to move the net back to Sundays, but the topic will be revisited at the next meeting when the full 2 months will have lapsed.

Discussions continued for NVIS Net as well as options for antenna build. Will talk to Joshua about adding a spot on the website to sign up for the antenna build class.

The club picnic is coming up on August 08, 2024, in place of the regular club meeting for the month. Shelter 9 has been reserved and is on an “administrative hold” to prevent it being moved or changed.

Fun Fest: Will KARC be participating? If so, we will need to come up with a plan for this and contact the necessary individuals ASAP as Fun Fest is quickly approaching. (Topic arose for the idea of creating t-shirts for the occasion.)

Other upcoming events include the Wooly Worm Festival, and Netherland Inn.

Treasurer's Report: (Mary Ellen Broome)

- Balances reported.
- Mailed TN form requesting sales tax exemption 3-7-2024; No word as of 05-09-2024.
- Dues cutoff was 04-11-2024
- Email sent to lapsed members.
- 61 paid members for 2024

Repeater Trustee Report: (Dustin McClure)

Recent trip to the repeater site was unsuccessful, and still need to do maintenance and clean up. Will contact Chris Early regarding plans for repeater setup.

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.

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 down with an injury and had been unable to work on drake equipment. Parts were ordered to fix the amplifier. We will revisit this topic at the next meeting.