



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

Meeting Date: December 12, 2024

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

Start time: 1900 Adjourned: 2100

Presentation: Christmas Gathering

Attendance: 21

Next Meeting: January 09, 2025

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

Time: 1900

Training/Presentation: TBA

Attending: Greg Johnson, Christina Compton, Justin Compton, Rick Curtis, Jack Rutherford, Ron Grooms, Peter Stuart, Ron Burns, Dennis Brickey, Matt Babler, Andrew Burch, JOHN WILLIAMS, Dale Larkins, Dan Smerdon, Tom Price, Mike Lambert, Mary Ellen Broome, David Broome, Joshua Carmack, Gus Stensler

Meeting Opened: Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

President's Report:

Vice President Rick Johnson's wife's health status has become terminal. We send thoughts and prayers to him and his family.

Officer elections for 2025 will occur today. Rick Curtis and Jack Rutherford are running for the Treasurer position. All other officer positions only had one person running.

UPDATE: Rick Curtis has been elected by club vote to hold the position of Club Treasurer for 2025.

Winter Field Day is coming up! **UPDATE:** Greg and Neil have reached out to the head of the Mount Carmel park which is the proposed site for Winter Field Day. At this time we are waiting to confirm information regarding the facility to ensure the success of the event at that location.

Meshtastic Node: Will we still have one on the repeater site? The previous node is non functioning at this time, and the person who donated the node to the club is not responding to inquiries from the club. At this time, there is still strong enough interest in Meshtastic to support the club putting their own node at the repeater site. Joshua Carmack has volunteered to put a node together for the club. More information to come.

Secretary's Report: (Christina Compton)

- No updates at this time.

Treasurer's Report: (Mary Ellen Broome)

- 69 paid members
- Balances Reported (no deposits for November or December)

Please Note: Dues are \$20 per individual, or \$25 for a family, and should be paid to the treasurer.

Repeater Trustee Report: (Dustin McClure)

- No update/Not in attendance.

Special News/Announcements:

- Tom Price would like for everyone to know what is meant when a "demonstration" is asked for. Tom states that this would entail providing your name, location,

- Requests made for antenna classes to be part of the 2025 agenda.
- Request for SOTA presentation from Ron Burns.
- FunFest and Santa Train participation in 2025. (Suggestion from Jack Rutherford to set up a communication station for Crazy 8's FunFest race)
- 2025 Officers are as follows:
 - President - Neil Weber (KM4NWH)
 - Vice President - Justin Compton (KO4DCD)
 - Secretary - Christina Compton (KQ4CDM)
 - Repeater Trustee- Dustin McClure (KO4LBE)