



KARC - Kingsport Amateur Radio Club

Website: W4TRC.org

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: June 13, 2024

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

Start time: 1900 Adjourned: 2100

Presentation: Open Discussion/Meshtastic

Attendance: 18

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, Christopher Lewis, Dustin McClure, Greg Laughlin, Ron Burns, Ron Grooms, Rick Curtis, Larry Dale, Seth Conkin, Matt Babler, Tom Price, Gary Williams, William Lewis Cox, John Williams, Jack Rutherford, Rick Brooks

Meeting Opened: Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. (Prayer request for the family of silent key Norm Green.)

President's Report: Field Day: **Update:** Reserved wrong weekend for field day site at Warriors. Mount Carmel City Park may be an option for backup location, currently waiting to hear back from town representative.

Picnic: August 08, requested Food City to provide meat and buns, awaiting response.

Weekly 2 meter net: **Update:** Does there need to be an official net coordinator? Two consecutive weeks we have not had a net control station.

Vote held to move weekly net back to Sundays at 8:30. Majority in favor. Email will be sent out to inform all of the change.

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.

Update: The club will NOT be participating in Fun Fest this year.

Larry Dale will be setting up a table at the Kingsport Farmers Market on Saturday June 13 to promote voter registration and bring attention to the club and amateur radio.

Revisited topic of Santa Train: Do we want to participate in this? If so, we need to start planning for it now.

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

Secretary's Report: (Christina Compton)

- Fixed issue of Dustin's emails going to junk folder in outlook.
- Special thanks to Tom Price for stepping up as net control recently.
- Kevin Morell needs to be added to email list for club members as he is a net control and needs to be informed when changes are made.
- Need a volunteer for net control on 1st and 5th Sundays, in the event that Rick is unable to perform net control duties.

Treasurer's Report: (Mary Ellen Broome)

- No new information at this time.

Repeater Trustee Report: (Dutin McClure)

- Everything is in good working order. No new updates at this time.

Special News/Announcements: John Willams gave a touching speech on the loss of Norm Green. Service for Norm will be Friday June 14th at 5 pm at the Fairview Methodist Cemetery in Jonesborough. An email will be sent to the club with this information.

13 Colonies special event will be held during the 4th of July weekend.

Per Meshtastic presentation, club has been presented with an opportunity to place a solar powered node on a tower at the repeater site. At this time the club has collectively agreed to place the solar powered node at the repeater site.