

# UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Meeting Minutes for August 20, 2020

**Chris Whitaker, AE4WS** opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with 9 members present.

## Members in attendance:

Alfred KoKoszczyński, KC2GZI

David Keever, KV4N

Paul Corso, KK4PIB

Gordon Lyman, N4YTM

Chris Whitaker, AE4WS

Greg Kreutzer, KO4FRH

Jim King, KK4AWQ

Christopher Whitaker III, KK4WJL

Rick Lanier, N4RCL

1. Chris Whitaker (AE4WS) opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.
2. Chris announced that tonight's on-air meeting replaces the meeting at the Red Cross due to the pandemic.
3. Attendees were requested to check-in.
4. July's meeting notes were reviewed.
5. Treasurer's Report given. Balance \$2,348.78
  - a. Had expenditures for Insurance and HCOL software
  - b. We will begin collections of dues for 2021 in October, all due by January 1, 2021
6. Chris welcomed two new members
  - a. Greg Kreutzer, KO4FRH
  - b. Buddy Knox, KB4NRE
7. Chris announced a Red Cross virtual fair to be held on September 1, 12 PM-1 PM via Microsoft "Team". Information is on the PDF attachment that was provided with the announcement sent to you via HCOL. Members are encouraged to attend.
8. UCARS received a request from the Stanly County Red Cross organization to connect via radio between the offices for emergency communications.
  - a. To accomplish we need an antenna on the roof, preferable a dual band antenna, currently we are restricted from the building.
  - b. We need to purchase an antenna and coax cable for an installation.
9. A discussion of the Virtual Ham University Online Meeting held earlier in the month.
  - a. Gordon Lyman provided his comments, spoke about how the Virtual site was set up, made of a number recorded presentations on various subjects, vendors had web sites, all presentations are available to be downloaded for 30 days or you may find them on YouTube.
  - b. Jeff Weiss commented that it was worthwhile endeavor, a little rough around the edges. Exhibition Hall and Vendors was disappointing. One exhibition that stood out was the CW presentation by K8ZT. Jeff recommended it. Price was right for admission.
10. Chris announced "Winter Field Day" is approaching, last year's event was not successful due location interference. Ask members to think about Winter Field Day and a location preferably that is in doors. Questions: How we want to do it if decided to have it, where? class of service to operate?
11. Chris created an election committee for next year's officers.
  - a. Chris requested David, KV4N and Paul, KK4PIB to be on the committee.
12. Chris is to send email to Jim King KK4AWQ concerning location and availability for a presentation by the new LEPC leader. A ZOOM account is available if needed.
13. Announced VE session that was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Stallings Town Hall, next session on October 17. Thanks to Henry, K4HCH for securing the location for the VE session.
14. David. KV4N asked if we want to continue special call signs for Winter and Sumer Field Days as in the past.
  - a. Jeff Weiss responded that it is good idea but suggested changing call sign to more friendly to CW operators.
  - b. Alfred KoKo agreed the 1 X 1 is beneficial.
15. Late Check ins... Christopher Whitaker III and Rick Lanier
16. Chris reviewed "to do's" discussed during the meeting.
17. Chris requested a reminder to contact Red Cross about access and discussion of Stanly County request.

18. David, KV4N, that there is a location on the NC4UC web site to sell your personal amateur radio related items. Send your information and pictures or questions to the webmaster of NC4UC.org
19. Jim King announced that the County has licenses for "WEB-X" that can be used for conferences. He will talk to Will and see what he can arrange.
20. Greg, KO4FRH queried Paul, KK4PIB about emergency training. Paul responded that there is a CERT meeting to be held at the Stallings Park.
21. Chris reminded members of the Net meetings being held for UCARS, with emphasis on the new Digital Net on Wednesday evenings.
22. Chris closed the meeting at 7:45 PM

Coming Events: VE Session Scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup>.