

UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2020

Chris Whitaker, AE4WS opened the regular meeting at 7:03 PM with 8 members present.

Members in attendance:

Alfred KoKoszczyński, KC2GZI

David Keever, KV4N

Paul Corso, KK4PIB

Chris Whitaker, AE4WS

Kevin Moderow WA(VFD

Henry Hicks, K4HCH

Christopher Whitaker III, KK4WJL

Rick Lanier N4RCL

1. Chris Whitaker (AE4WS) opened the meeting at 7:03 PM.
2. Tonight's meeting is being held at the Stallings Town Hall in Stallings, NC.
3. Attendees were requested to check-in.
4. August's meeting notes were reviewed.
5. Treasurer's Report given. Balance \$2,370.78
 - a. Had no expenditures for since the last meeting.
 - b. 2021 dues will be \$30.00 and may be paid now. Dues are to be paid no later than January 1, 2021.
6. Repeater Update- Both repeaters are back on the air.
 - a. Have purchased a new antenna
 - b. Jumper(pigtail) hardware is available.
 - c. We may be able to have the work done by tower crew doing work for the State, this has not been confirmed. Anticipated that the work can be done at a less cost than a stand-alone contract.
7. Warbirds over Monroe has been cancelled
8. Christmas party plans are not definitive. Chris contacted last year's restaurant and awaiting a return call. Chris will continue looking for a location.
 - a. Kevin Moderow suggested that we find a location like a club house and have food brought in.
9. Winter Field Day discussed, no word from ARRL about status and with Covid plans can not be determined at this time.
 - a. Chris will request suggestions from members.
 - b. Kevin suggested that if all want to stay home he is volunteering to come and set up in yard and operate like SOTA.
 - c. Henry suggested that the Clamshell at the Town park may be possible.
10. AUXCOMM changes- from a conference call we learned that AUXCOMM is replacing ARES in North Carolina plus some other states. From the call the following is to occur.
 - a. Clean up the databases for each county, remove inactive members.
 - b. You can only be assigned to one County.
 - c. You can be loaned out or requested by another county.
 - d. Members must be updated with all ICS classes including 100,200,700 & 800.
 - e. If interested contact Chris.
 - f. On-line classes are being planned for ICS300 & 400
 - g. LEPC meetings are not being scheduled.
11. Fox Hunt Plans- The Fox will hide somewhere in Union County, a Fox is to be hired to transmit and send messages.
 - a. The Fox will be hiding on the first Saturday of November (7th).
 - b. Chris will send out information and details for the Fox hunt.
 - c. Chris has some graphics on how to use cardboard and aluminum foil to create a directional antenna for your portables.
 - d. Fox will transmit 30 seconds every 3 minutes.

- e. Repeater may be used to exchange information
12. Echolink – Chris demonstrated an Echolink station.
 - a. Echolink is being added to the repeater
 - b. It will be located at Chris' home
 - c. The Echolink will be "Closed" to be added let Chris know and he will add you to the list of users.
 - d. Node name is AE4WS-R
 13. Announced that there will a VE test session on Saturday, October 17th.
 14. Election committee for 2021 officers announced a recommendation that due to the inactivity this year due to Covid that the current officers be re-elected for 2021.
 - a. A vote was taken and approved to retain the existing officers for 2021.
 15. Kevin Moderow asked thoughts about having an online meeting
 - a. There are mixed feelings
 - b. Kevin can provide the licensing for "ZOOM".
 - c. Kevin will create the link for ZOOM for the next meeting.
 - d. Kevin recommends that all obtain a headset.
 - e. David to send Kevin a reminder Monday before the meeting.
 - f. Kevin will set up equipment with camera at the meeting location.
 16. 50-50 Drawing - \$10.00 Winner is Christopher Whitaker II. \$7.00 donated to the treasury.
 17. Chris announced that we have guy wire, turnbuckles and connectors for Sale. Contact Chris if interested.
 18. Paul Corso asked for instructions on how to build a directional antenna, Chris to provide some ideas and plans for directional antennas.
 19. Chris closed the meeting at 7:45 PM