

UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Meeting Minutes for December 17, 2020

Chris Whitaker, AE4WS opened the regular meeting at 7:03 PM with 12 members and 1 Guest present.

Members in attendance:

Alfred KoKoszczyński, KC2GZI

David Keever, KV4N

Paul Corso, KK4PIB

Chris Whitaker, AE4WS

Kevin Moderow, WA9VFD

Bill Turner, W4WNT

Rick Lanier, N4RCL

Gordon Lyman, N4YTM

Jeff Weiss, K4EVT

Norm Beasley, KO4CB

Michael Segersin, KN4CQA

Mike Williams, K4IC

Cullen Hall, KD4DIT (G)

1. Chris Whitaker (AE4WS) opened the meeting at 7:01 PM.
2. Tonight's meeting is being held via ZOOM.
3. November's meeting notes were reviewed.
4. Reminder that Cub Dues are to be paid by January 1 to remain active.
5. Echolink is operational except for a short time power interruption.
 - a. Echolink is being accessed by others outside this area.
6. Chris W. has sent out Winter Field Day Rules to members
 - a. The rules were sent out via HCOL.
 - b. Chris outlined the rules and gave details.
 - c. FT8 and FT4 are not acceptable for Field Day.
 - d. Occurs on last full weekend on January 30th & 31st.
 - e. Three Categories: Indoors, Outdoors, and Home. Details in rules.
 - f. Club score is permissible.
 - g. Bonus Points are available.
 - h. Logs are to be submitted by March 1st and can be by paper and electronic.
 - i. Must use a single class for all member participants.
7. Chris reviewed the Summer Field Day results
 - a. Rob Tucker was our highest score from the club with 2260 points.
 - b. We had 7 members participating.
8. David K. gave the December treasurer's report. Balance \$2,508.02.
9. Thirteen in attendance this evening.
10. Kevin Moderow provided tonight's program, "**Portable Deployment.**"
 - a. Why do you do portable deployment?
 - b. No HOA, low noise, high gain when you are in the open at high locations.
 - c. It is portable not to be confused with mobile.
 - d. It is not contesting, but competitive.
 - e. Multiple OTA Programs/activities
 - f. There are 2 types of participants: A Chaser and an Activator
 - i. Activator: An individual that goes to the activation site, he gets a point for activator site.
 - ii. Chaser: Gets a point for contacting each activator that he contacts.
 - g. Activators can contact activators, using terms like P to P, summit to summit, park to park.
 - h. All modes may be used including FT8, satellites etc.
 - i. Logs for contacts are submitted by the activator.
 - j. Kevin involved in "National Parks on the Air" called POTA as it is expanding worldwide.
 - k. Fastest growing activity on HF.
 - l. Numerous Parks in this area
 - m. There is no power limitation within authorized power.
 - n. There are awards, for just about everything you do.

- o. Has award for 50 Park activations.
 - p. Why choosing SOTA in North Carolina because there are so many, it would be difficult to work all locations. There are so many in NC that NC had to create sub sections.
 - q. You chose the type by the surrounding territory, Islands on the air in Florida, whereas Summits in North and South Carolina.
 - r. What defines a "Summit" questioned. Explained it is limited to one peak in a group of peaks within a specified distance. Can only count as one site.
 - s. Questions about equipment, recommended antenna from LNR and his Mountain Topper and antenna and the Yaesu 891 transceiver for POTA.
11. VE Exams have been canceled until further notice.
 12. No Net meeting on Christmas Eve.
 13. Reminder of Wednesday Digital Net.
 14. Chris closed the meeting at 8:11 PM