UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2021

Christopher Whitaker opened the regular meeting at 7:01 PM with 16 members and 1 guest present.

Members in attendance:

Alfred KoKoszczynski, KC2GZI	David Keever, KV4N	Michael Segersin, KN4CQA
Mike Williams, K4IC	Paul Poloniewicz, KO4MDB	David Ladd, KO4WTD
Kathryn Ladd, KO4PUK	Mal Speer, WA2TWA	Chris Layton, WN4CNZ
Chris Whitaker, AE4WS	Christopher Whitaker, KK4WJL	Joe UHL, KN4JOS
Peter Gulish, K1NEM	Ray Rising, K4LWJ	Norm Beasley, KO4CB
Jeff Weiss, K4EVT	Lindsay Morris, KO4QIV(G)	

1. Christopher (AE4WS) opened the meeting at 7:01 PM.
2. Tonight's meeting is being held at Siler Presbyterian Church.
3. Chris reviewed the meeting minutes for April.
4. Introduced recent new members:
    a. Reid Matthews, KO4NGA
    b. Julie Badorek, KO4OLR
    c. Paul Poloniewicz, KY4FL
    d. Chris Layton, WN4CNZ
    e. Thomas Mecir, KO4FLB
    f. Joe Uhl, KN4JOS
5. David K reported Treasurer's report of 99.40 in receipts for dues with a balance of $3,204.17.
    a. An expenditure of 60.85 for NC4UC.org domain.
6. Chris announced that the Field Day Committee met and have plans for the event here at Siler Presbyterian Church on the 25th & 26th of June.
    a. Christopher Whitaker, KK4WJL, has been appointed the Field Day Chairperson for 2001
    b. Thanks to Andy Kay who has been the chairperson for multiple years.
    c. We will have access to the field along Waxhaw-Indian Trail Rd. Have been given access to the Christmas tree building.
    d. Chris, KK4WJL explained what is "Field Day."
       Announced that Field Day will operate as 4 A
       There will be a "GOTA" station.
       Next meeting will be taking sign ups for operators for CW, Analog or digital.
       Asking for donations of equipment for Field Day
       Will provide logging training at next meeting.
       Discussion of Bonus Points
       Setup will be on Friday the 24th.
7. New Business:
    a. Request for Net Controllers.
    b. Chris introduced Wires-X on the UCARS 444 repeater.
       i. Chris gave a demonstration
       ii. An explanation of how Wires-X works
    c. Chris W. gave an introduction for WINLINK and Emergency Communications
       i. Winlink is a special software used for digital transmission of messages and forms used during emergency communications.
       ii. Winlink is a free Client software.
       iii. Connection of computer to your radio is necessary.

      iv.   Messages can be sent over internet connection or HF or VHF.

      v.   Registration is required with your call sign.

      vi.   A presentation was given of how a message is sent via Winlink.

      vii.   How mail and forms are completed and sent via Winlink was shown.

8. 50/50 Drawing
   a. Drawing tonight is for $32.00.
   b. Winner is Kathryn Ladd, KO4PUK. Who is donating her winnings to Field Day for the Coffee fund?
9. Question and Answers.
   a. Question asked about what Echolink is.
      i. Explanation was given.
      ii. Requires registration and have a radio license.
      iii. We did have Echolink for a short while.
      iv. Has been discontinued as resources are currently used for WIRES-X.
   b. How long after you take an exam before you receive the license?
      i. License copies are not issued, you must download from FCC.
      ii. David Ladd, KO4WTD received an email from the FCC after exam with a link to download his license.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM