

# UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2022

**Christopher Whitaker** opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM with 15 members and 1 guest present.

## Members in attendance:

Chris Whitaker, AE4WS	David Keever, KV4N	Alfred KoKoszczyński KC2GZI
Tom McCobb, K3TCM	Christopher Whitaker II, KK4WJL	Mal Speer, WA2TWA
Paul Poloniewicz, KY4FL	Andrew Kabasakalian, WB2WZC	Norm Beasley, KO4CB
Edward Stemborowski, KJ3VLI	Paul Corso, KK4PIB	Ray Rising, K4LWJ
Rick Lanier, N4RCL	Harry McCobb, KC3HRR	Reid Matthews, KO4NGA
Mark Odiorne, KJ4OUS(G)		

1. Christopher (AE4WS) opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.
2. Tonight's meeting is being held at Siler Presbyterian Church.
3. Chris reviewed the meeting minutes for November 2021.
4. VE Exam was held on January 15 with 5 taking the exam.
5. Chris announced that UCARS has tables at the Charlotte Hamfest In March. If you have items to sell, please bring and give an asking price and the lowest you will take. Bring a chair.
6. Announced that Bill Turner, W4WNT, passed at his home at Oak Island. His funeral will be held Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM at the McEwen Funeral home at 1050 Park Rd., Pineville. Bill provided multiple clubs with contest schedule including UCARS and was also a VE for UCARS. He was involved with NC QSO for the State and a very active FT8 operator and instructor.
7. Chris gave the Treasurer's report. Current Balance of \$3,327.51.
8. Reminder Dues for 2022 are being accepted. Dues may be paid on-line via PayPal.
9. Chris discussed his wife's participation in VE Session being his replacement.
10. Announced next VE Session is 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in April.
11. UCARS club breakfast has been moved back to Golden Corral in Monroe due to staffing issues at DJ's Diner.
12. Holiday Dinner was a success with 28 attending.
13. Winter Field Day will be held Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at Siler Presbyterian Church, Wesley Chapel.
  - a. Field Day Rules
    - i. No FT8, since the WFD is an emergency test there is no way to send communications via FT8.
    - ii. PSK31 is allowed.
    - iii. Begins at 2:00 PM EST Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> and end 2:00 PM on Sunday January 30.
    - iv. Do not plan to operate 24 hours.
    - v. Plan to operate Saturday to dusk and come back Sunday morning to operate.
    - vi. Classifications were discussed. Outdoors class to be used.
    - vii. To operate two stations(2O), voice and PSK31 or CW on second station.
    - viii. Club may use K4N as club call sign.
    - ix. To use n3fjp logging software.
    - x. If bad weather all can operate at home and submit to be filed as Club entry.
    - xi. All Bands to operate except 12, 17, 30 and 60 meters.
    - xii. Antennas, Chris and Andy to provide.

- xiii. Chris will bring Kenwood TS570 radio a digital station and power supplies. Members may bring their own radios.
  - xiv. No commercial power gives 500 points. Ed and Mal will provide generator.
  - xv. Two laptops for logging, David K. to provide.
  - xvi. Reminder that license privileges for highest on site.
  - xvii. QRP gives bonus points, applies if all are QRP
  - xviii. Station setup will be at 10:00 AM Saturday.
  - xix. Plan to stop at 8:00 PM
14. NC QSO Party will be held Sunday February 27, 2022. 10 AM until 8:00 PM.  
i. Will discuss at next meeting.
15. Charlotte Hamfest Tickets will be available at the next UCARS Meeting.
16. Donation will be made to "Hometown Warriors" for use of shed for Winter Field Day.
17. Announced that the "RARS" Raleigh Hamfest will be held on April 16, 2022.
18. Tom McCobb, K3TCM, announced and explained the first Simplex exercise to be held on Thursday January 27 at 8:00 PM. Documents for the exercise will be emailed to members. A second exercise will occur in February.
19. 50/50 Drawing held for \$21.00 and won by Mark Odiorne, KJ4OUS. Proceeds donated the club.
20. Andy Kay announced all modes that may be used for WFD.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM