

UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Meeting Minutes for October 20, 2022

Christopher Whitaker opened the regular meeting at 7:04 PM with 18 members and 2 guest present.

Members in attendance:

Chris Whitaker, AE4WS
Tom McCobb, K3TCM
David Kurtz, KM4ZDK
Jeffery Weiss, K4EVT
Michael Williams, K4IC
Gary Stone, KO4NZU
David Profit (G)

David Kever, KV4N
Alfred KoKoszczyński, KC2GZI
Lisa Whitaker, KF4NYL
Dwayne Stone, KC4NHW
Gordon Lyman, W4ZD
Harry McCobb, KC3HRR
Karen Stone (G)

Andy Kabasakalian, WB2WZC
Kevin Moderow, WA9VFD
Gary Pincus, KY4QH
Frank Todd, KY4QK
Tonya Opgenorth, KO4ZMU
Mal Speer, WA2TWA

1. Christopher (AE4WS) opened the meeting at 7:04 PM.
2. Tonight's meeting is being held at Siler Presbyterian Church.
3. Chris reviewed the meeting minutes for September 15, 2022.
4. The 2023 Election Results were announced.
 - a. President – Chris Whitaker, AE4WS
 - b. Vice President – Dwayne Stone, KC4NHW
 - c. Secretary & Treasurer – David Kever, KV4N
 - d. Activities - Kevin Moderow, WA9VFD
Norman Beasley, KO4CB
Harry McCobb, KC3HRR
 - e. Communications Director – Reid Matthews,
 - f. Net Director – Tom McCobb, K3TCM
5. David K. provided the Treasurer's Report. Current Balance of \$3,780.45
6. Announced that the Breakfast Committee is working on a list of restaurants for the morning breakfast on the 2nd Saturday.
7. The annual Holiday Dinner will be held December 1st at the Asian Buffet and Grill in Matthews. Meeting dinner at 6:00 PM
8. Discussion about the Union County Heritage Festival held Saturday September 17.
 - a. Festival was pleased with support provided by UCARS members with communications for the 5 K Turkey Run.
 - b. Net Control station was established with Lisa Whitaker as net control.
 - c. Visitors were exposed to amateur radio and its benefits.
 - d. Kevin Moderow had a low power station to show on air activity of Amateur Radio.
 - e. The UCARS Table was manned from 8:00AM to 4:00 PM,
9. Kevin gave review of the OTA activity held at Andrew Jackson Park in SC. Reports from attendees were very positive with all having a fun time, not to forget the breakfast that Kevin provided. *There was some discussion of coffee between Kevin and Andy, not sure the outcome.*
 - a. Kevin reminded all the next OTA outing at Reed Gold Mine in Midland on November 5. He is asking for interested parties to sign up.
 - b. Gary Pincus and Andy Kabasakalian gave their favorable impression of the OTA, all very positive and look forward to doing it again.
 - c. Tom McCobb listened for the OTA POTA activity and surprised at the number of POTA stations.

10. The membership was queried if they would like to participate in Winter Field Day on January 28 & 29. Last year it was snowed out. Decision will be made at November meeting.
11. There was discussion about using a trailer at the club events with the club banner to advertise the club's presence. Andy offered his trailer as it is enclosed, and mounting banner would be easier.
12. Kevin inquired if we will be participating in Warbirds over Monroe in the future. At the last event Paul Corso had difficulty contacting the person in charge.
13. Chris announced the Charlotte Hamfest in March of 2023. He suggested that we purchase 3 tables as we have in the past. As soon as table orders are accepted, we will order.
14. Reminder that UCARS is collecting membership dues for 2023. The due date for Dues is January 1, 2023. Dues paid by PayPal will increase \$.50 due to charge increase by PayPal.
15. 50/50 Drawing was held for \$ 38.00. Frank Todd was the winner. \$ 20.00 donated to the club's treasury
16. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM