

UNION COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2023

Christopher Whitaker opened the regular meeting at 7:08 PM with 23 members and 2 guests present.

Attendance:

Chris Whitaker, AE4WS	David Keever, KV4N	Andy Kabasakalian, WB2WZC
Tom McCobb, K3TCM	Alfred KoKoszczyński, KC2GZI	Kevin Moderow, WA9VFD
Lisa Whitaker, KF4NYL	Gary Pincus, KY4QH	Gordon Lyman, W4ZD
Peter Gulish, K1NEM	Norm Beasley, KO4CB	Dwayne Stone, KC4NHW
Karen Stone	Gary Stone, KO4NZU	Jeffrey Weiss, K4EVT
Kevin Harbin, K4KII	Mal Speer, WA2TWA	Ray Rising, K4LWJ
Tonya Opgenorth, KO4ZMU	Paul Poloniewicz, KY4FL	Harry McCobb, KC3HRR
David Kurtz, KM4ZDK	Mike Williams, K4IC	Linda Cook (G)
Julian Burns, KQ4HWQ (G)		

1. Christopher (AE4WS) opened the meeting at 7:03 PM.
2. Tonight's meeting is being held at Siler Presbyterian Church, Wesley Chapel, NC.
3. Chris reviewed the meeting minutes for March 16, 2023.
4. David K. provided the Treasurer's Report. Current Balance of \$5,058.19
5. David K. Received Certificate for hosting the 6-meter Net from Tom McCobb, Network Manager.
6. Chris reviewed rule changes for Field Day for 2023, with emphasis on GOTA change.
7. Request made for Field Day participation of members in 2023 to be held at Siler Presbyterian Church.
8. A request for a Field Day committee to coordinate the activity and determine operation class, antennas used, etc.
 - a. Members identified: Mal Spear, Jeffrey Wiess, Chris Whitaker, David Keever, Norm Beasley, Tom McCobb, David Kurtz, Pete Gulish
9. Plan to use Field Day Guide drawn by Andy Kabasakalian, WB2WZC that has been used successfully for years.
10. Chris reviewed a list of Bonus Points that Field Day can obtain and requested volunteer help from members to obtain the extra points.
11. Chris W. and David K. were interviewed by the Monroe Newspaper for an article about the UCARS and their activities. The article was published on April 14 in the Monroe Enquirer-Journal.
12. Announced there is an introductory Amateur Radio Boot Class presented by the Nashua Area Radio Club for new Hams to expose them and make them more knowledgeable and proficient as new Hams.
 - a. Registration for the class may be made at www.n1fd.org/registr-ham-bootcamp/.
13. Introduction of visitors:
 - a. Linda Cook-studying for the Amateur Radio exam
 - b. Julian Burns-received license this week
14. Gordon Lyman announced that an auction was held for N3FJP logging software that he provided. The high bid was \$100, and the bidder requested to remain anonymous. Proceeds will be donated to the club.

15. David K. announced a sale of amateur equipment by a Ham that is downsizing. Pictures and details are on display in the back of the meeting room.
16. Kevin Moderow, WA9VFD gave a presentation about his involvement with community colleges and their high-altitude balloon launches. He described how the balloon used APRS for tracking and the equipment that they are using. He explained the pluses and obstacles of using APRS.
17. 50/50 Drawing was held for \$ 30.00. Julian Burns was the winner. \$ 30.00 donated to the club's treasury.
18. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.