



KARC – Kingsport Amateur Radio Club
Website: W4TRC.org
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 11, 2024
Location: Press Room, Food City Center Street
Start Time: 1800 Adjourned: 1900
Presentation: What I Learned My First Year
Attendance: 31 present

Next Meeting: February 08, 2024
Location: Press Room,
Food City Center Street, Kingsport
Time: 1800 – Dinner; 1900 Meeting
Training/Presentation:

Attending: Christina Compton, Justin Compton, David Broome, Mary Ellen Broome, James Young, Liz Young, Ken Klotz, Linda Moenter, Ritch Bowman, Matthew Babler, Rick Curtis, Ron Burns, Rick Brooks, Seth Conkin, Neil Weber, Larry Dale, John Freitag, Lisa Berry, David Gulley, Anita Gulley, Robert Price, Jeremy Gass, Deemer Diep, Ellen Diep, Michael Lambert, Joe Ewing, William Ewing, Jack Rutherford, Scottie Rutherford, Tom Price, Greg Johnson

Meeting Opened - Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

President's Report – Greg Johnson

- Sunday Night NET
 - **WE NEED MORE NET CONTROLLERS AND ALTERNATES**
 - Net schedule and Script on our web page
 - There needs to be an alternate Net Control **EVERYTIME**.
 - Net Control Station should allow a longer pause for those checking in via echo link.
- Prayers for Rick Johnson, Vice President, and his wife for health issues.
- In the new year, we will focus on club growth, education, and community outreach.
- NVIS Net: Need to meet to discuss how it should be ran.
- Meeting Menu: Do we need to know in advance? (Mixed response)
- Foxhunt will be Saturday, January 27, 2024. Jack and Scottie will be hiding the foxes.
- Website needs to be updated!

Treasurer's Report – Mary Ellen Broome

- Balances reported
- 37 paid members for 2023
- NOW ACCEPTING DUES for 2024
 - April 01, 2024, will be the final day to pay dues.
- In process of transitioning everything over from previous Treasurer and will be opening a CD.
- Note: Norm Green had been testing some equipment, and that equipment needs to be returned

Repeater Update – Greg Johnson: Speaking on behalf of Repeater Trustee, Dustin McClure (KO4LBE))

- No reported issues with the repeater at this time.
- Reported sporadic interference on 440mhz repeater. (May be due to group monitoring?)



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OLD BUSINESS

- Still trying to figure out how to get high speed internet to the repeater site.
- Per Neil Weber (KM4NWH) both club owned generators are operating well.

NEW BUSINESS/FORUM DISCUSSIONS - UPDATED

- Boy Scout/Cub Scout involvement **UPDATE**
 - Club requested to visit & set up Monday, January 29, 2024 at 18:30 local at Mountain View United Methodist Church off of Orebank.
- New Guest, Jeremy Gass (KQ4NKZ) has brought it to the attention of the club that he was not able to find adequate information on the club website or Facebook page to bring awareness to the club meetings, or how to join the club. States that he has reached out to several club members for more information to no avail.
- Questions arose regarding Facebook, as to why there are two groups for the club. The answer, per Justin Compton (KO4DCD) who created the “second” group is that his page is not club affiliated and was created for all HAMS in Kingsport and the surrounding areas regardless of their status with KARC or any other local clubs.
- Events for KARC participation
 - Fun Fest **2024**
 - STEM Day – Johnson City **Town Acres April or May Jason McCord**
 - More special events
 - Santa Train **2024 Mid-November**
 - Static radio and voter registration table at public area like Food City
 - Over the Mountain Men
 - Exchange Place **Spring 2024**
 - Farmers Market Operating Table
 - Netherland Inn – Rick will check on site renovation status for **2024**
 - Carousel
 - Shortwave Santa at hospitals
 - Wooly Worm Festival – Special Event station **October 2024**
 - Boats on the Air
 - Car Clubs
 - Kingsport Newspaper and Downtown Kingsport Assn have List of Events