



KARC - Kingsport Amateur Radio Club

Website: W4TRC.org

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 11, 2024

Location: (Food City) The Press Room, 300 Clinchfield St., Kingsport TN

Start time: 1900 Adjourned: 2100

Presentation: Open Discussion

Attendance: 20

Next Meeting: August 08, 2024

Location: Eastman Cabins - Shelter #9

Time: 1800

Training/Presentation: Club Picnic

Attending: Greg Johnson, Christina Compton, Justin Compton, Jack Rutherford, Matt Babler, Ron Grooms, Neil Weber, Greg Laughlin, James Young, David Herron, Ken Klotz, Larry Dale, Charles Collingwood, Tom Price, Lynn Anderson, John Williams, Christopher Lewis, Kimberly May, Mary Ellen Broome, David Broome

Meeting Opened: Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

President's Report: The club picnic is coming up on August 08, 2024, in place of the regular club meeting for the month. Shelter 9 has been reserved and is on an

“administrative hold” to prevent it being moved or changed. **Update:** We have requested Food City to provide meat and buns, awaiting response. May check with other local grocery stores as well.

Weekly 2 meter net: Is attendance up? **Attendance has improved since moving date back to Sundays, however due to the season, overall attendance is lower than during other times of the year.**

Do we need an official position for net control coordinator? Dustin is currently acting coordinator, but may need to check with others due to his workload and number of responsibilities already within the club.

Will we resume the simplex net? Greg will message Dustin to see what the decision will be on this. Topic will be revisited at a later date.

Fall Harvest Festival: October. Larry Dale will be in charge, but has asked for at least 2 volunteers to help.

Fun Fest: Will KARC be participating? No. At this point it is too late to get involved with anything for Fun Fest.

Revisited topic of Santa Train: Do we want to participate in this? If so, we need to start planning for it now. **Update:** Greg will reach out to a contact to see if this is something that we will be able to participate in.

Other upcoming events include the Wooly Worm Festival, and Netherland Inn.

Meshtastic Node at repeater site: When will it be up? **Greg will contact Dustin for an update on this.**

Will schedule officer meeting soon.

NVIS antenna build. Is this something we are still planning to do? **Update:** Having difficulty location parts and kits for the build. Will look into scheduling a date and time for this event.

Secretary’s Report: (Christina Compton)

- Kevin Morell needs to be added to email list for club members as he is a net control and needs to be informed when changes are made. **Update:** Kevin has respectfully indicated that he does not wish to be added to club email.

- Need a volunteer for net control on 1st and 5th Sundays, in the event that Rick is unable to perform net control duties. **Update: Neil Weber has volunteered to take the place of Rick Johnson as net controller on the 1st and 5th Sundays each month until further notice.**

Treasurer's Report: (Mary Ellen Broome)

- Balances reported.
- 65 current paid members.
- (Old business) Want to use \$1,000.00 from savings to open a CD (5.35%) for 1 or 2 years. Officer decision is yes, and we are currently working on this.

Repeater Trustee Report: (Dutin McClure)

- No update.

Special News/Announcements:

Suggestion for club to invest in new radios and equipment.

Larry Dale and John Williams, update on voter registration special event last month. Community outreach for the club at the Kingsport Farmers Market. 10-14 people registered, or were given paperwork to register to vote. Due to success of this event Larry Dale has proposed to do this again. More information to come on this.