



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

Meeting Date: December 14, 2023
Location: Press Room, Food City Center Street
Start Time: 1800 Adjourned: 1900
Presentation: Christmas Fellowship
Attendance: 21 present

Next Meeting: January 11, 2023
Location: Press Room,
Food City Center Street, Kingsport
Time: 1800 – Dinner; 1900 Meeting
Training/Presentation: TBA

Attending: Dennis Brickey, Rick Brooks, David Broome, Mary Ellen Broome, Steve Broome, Ron Burns, Christina Compton, Justin Compton, Seth Conkin, Rick Curtis, Larry Dale, Rick Johnson, Ken Klotz, Mike Lambert, Linda Moenter, Tom Price, Gus Stensler, Neil Weber, John Williams, James Young, Liz Young,

Meeting Opened - Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

Vice President's Report – Rick Johnson

- Upcoming Meeting Presentation
- 2024 TBA
- Sunday Night NET
 - **WE NEED MORE NET CONTROLLERS AND ALTERNATES**
 - Net schedule and Script on our web page
 - Net Controller Rotation
 - 1-Rick Johnson
 - 2-George DeVault
 - 3-Ken Morrell
 - 4-Dustin McClure
 - 5-Christina Compton

CURRENT NOMINATIONS MOTION: TO ELECT THE FOLLOWING PASSED

President	Greg Johnson
Vice President	Rick Johnson
Treasurer	Mary Ellen Broome
Secretary	Christina Compton
Repeater Trustee	Dustin McClure

Repeater Update – Ken Klotz –

- 2 meter is working great; 440 has some interference.
- WiresX is still in the wings **UPDATE**
 - \$600.00 hotspot is needed
 - MOTION: Purchase the hotspot PASSED
- Discussion: Line of sight could be a problem; may need to have only 1 “room” for members as others have burned up their repeaters**
- Chris Early should soon be setting up his repeaters at the site.
 - 900mhz & 6 meter
 - UPDATE: Chris is buying more parts for this project and should complete it soon



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OLD BUSINESS

- CW Instruction Class – Ron Burns
- This will begin on January 2, 2024 and run through March
- 2 nights per week
- \$10 for entire course
- Pre Course meeting 12-19-2023 Randall's Restaurant 6:00pm to eat 7:00 for presentation
- Discussion of creating a Club flyer for events and also a general handout
 - UPDATE: David Gully is a good contact to begin this process
- HHART Rogersville has a NVIS test every Tuesday Frequency 7.210
 - UPDATE: Time has changed from 1300 to 1400

There are some things for sale:

- TenTech w/1000 W amp - Contact: Neil Weber
- Drake Twins – contact Neil Weber
- Yaesu Fusion Mobile (like new) \$250 –contact Norm Green
- Roan 25 tower with Tail Twister rotator (no remote) - Contact: Dustin McClure

- Radio Maintenance Shop in Knoxville
 - Owner - Carl Lyster 865-588-7120 or 865-399-7312

FORUM DISCUSSIONS - NO UPDATES

- Looking into a change to Outlook email for more efficiency
- Winter Field Day UPDATE
 - We will be joining HHART in Rogersville at AMIS Mill site 127 W. Bear Hollow Road, Rogersville, TN
- Presentation Ideas: First radios; Antenna builds
- There are Skywarn meetings at Cross Christian Church in Gray TN
- Boy Scout involvement UPDATE
 - Shawn is Asst. Cub Master for Pack 49; they meet every Monday
 - @ 7:00pm at Mountain View Methodist Church
 - January 8, 2024 Scout meeting (tentative) Need Hams to speak – Neil Weber volunteered
 - March 2024 - Scout Luau overnight Campout @ Davy Crocket State Park – Neil Weber volunteered
 - October 2024 3rd full weekend Scouts Jamboree On-the-Air
- Scout Sequoia Council HQ is in Boones Creek

- 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



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- 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
- POTA/SOTA UPDATE
 - Paul Stansfield can provide contact info for other clubs to invite them to participate
 - Emails were sent to Bristol, Johnson City & Gate City Clubs
 - Their contact emails have been added to “Friends of KARC”
 - Ron Burns has resigned as SOTA leader; He will continue to post his trips on Facebook page

NEW BUSINESS

KARC Website

- Needs to be updated on a timely basis
- We need to check with Joshua to determine his level of commitment
- Perhaps we could find someone to act as a backup web master.

443.175 Repeater

- Discussion of purchasing some equipment form Gary Churchwell and taking over ownership of the frequency. Consensus is NO. **UPDATE:** Gary Churchwell has decided to keep the equipment and has re-upped the frequency for his use.