



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

Meeting Date: November 13, 2025

Location: Toy F. Reid (Eastman Rec Center) 400 S Wilcox Dr, Kingsport

TN Start time: 7PM Adjourned: 9PM

Presentation: Round table discussion

Attendance: 26

Next Meeting: Dec 11, 2025

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

Time: 6:30 PM

Training/Presentation: Trivia, Vote for next years officers

Attending: Justin Compton, Heather Schneider, Larry Dale, Kyle Schneider, Joshua Carmack, Tom Price, Rick Curtis, Greg Johnson, Peter Stuart, Ron Grooms, Michael Lambert, William Ewing, Joe Ewing, Phil Alley, Scott Schneider, Gerald Schneider, Ralph Young, David Rotenberry, John Williams, Matt Babler, Scott Rose, Bill Bryant, Scottie Rutherford, Jack Rutherford, Randy Steed, Ron Burns,

Meeting Opened: Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

President's Report: Not Present. VP Report:

- Winter Field day is Jan 24rd & 25th at Warriors Path State Park site #3 sign up is

live on the website.

- Presented a motion to drop BMRC (name only) from club members list, net script, etc... to remove confusion around having two clubs. We currently operate as one club, the Kingsport Amateur Radio Club. The bays mountain club will be kept up along with the call sign. NO opposition was brought forth.
- We will be adding a liaison to communicate between the Eastman and the club. This will be voted on at the December meeting. This will need to be an Eastman employee or retiree.

Secretary's Report: (Christina Compton, KQ4CDM)

Not present.

Treasurer's Report: (Rick Curtis)

- Balances Reported
- 58 Paid Members 2025
- 5 paid members 2026

Please Note: Dues are \$20 per individual, or \$25 for a family, and should be paid to the treasurer by April 1st.

**Starting next year (2026) we will begin charging \$30 for family.

Repeater Trustee Report: (Joshua Carmack - N4JHC)

- Working to get high speed internet to repeater site. Possibly free.
- Any repeater related question or concerns can be directed to Joshua at:
repeater@w4trc.org

Old Business:

- Banner has been completed and is in the clubs hands.
- A donation to a charity has been taken care of. \$100 went to the Boy Scout angel tree.

New Business:

- Kent Harris' (land owner of repeater site) repeater is not currently working. Joshua has the repeater in hand and is working on it. It may need to be replaced.
- David Herron took over the frequency pair (digital only) from Gary Churchwell that was on the club's older 440 repeater. This repeater is at our repeater site

with the antenna on the tower. Only the repeater belonged to the club. David donated the frequencies along with the additional equipment used to get the repeater on the air. A big thank you to David for doing this.

- The antenna for the older 440 repeater with the newly acquired frequencies needs to be moved up higher on the tower. Would probably need hardline coax to make this happen. We are looking to make this our digital modes repeater.
- As a reminder all equipment at our repeater site is owned by the club or someone who made or is making a major contribution to the club. Beyond this no personal equipment is to be in the building or on the tower.
- The nominating committee has done a very good job contacting members offering all positions for officer seats. All positions have one or more names in for them.
- We are looking at moving all club equipment to a central location that would be easy for access.