



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

Meeting Date: October 12, 2023
Location: Press Room, Food City Center Street
Start Time: 1800 Adjourned: 1900
Presentation: Open Discussion Forum
Attendance: 22 present

Next Meeting: November 9, 2023
Location: Press Room,
Food City Center Street, Kingsport
Time: 1800 – Dinner; 1900 Meeting
Training/Presentation: Logging – Greg Jonson

Attending: Lynn Anderson, Lisa Berry, David Broome, Mary Ellen Broome, Justin Compton, Rick Curtis, Larry Dale, Rowan Freudeman, Shawn Freudeman, Norm Green, Rick Johnson, Ken Klotz, Gabby Lawton, Tim Lee, Dustin McClure, Linda Moenter, Tom Price, Paul Stansfield, Gus Stensler, Bob Warden, Neil Weber, John Williams

Meeting Opened - Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

Vice President's Report – Rick Johnson

- Upcoming Meeting Presentation
 - November - Logging – Greg Johnson
 - December – Christmas Party (2024 Officer Elections)
- Sunday Night NET
 - **WE NEED MORE NET CONTROLLERS AND ALTERNATES**

Treasurer's Report – Lynn Anderson

- Balances reported
- 70 paid members for 2023
- NOW ACCEPTING DUES for 2024
- Eastman mail list has been updated
 - Greg Johnson Will discuss the dues with Lori at Eatsman

Repeater Update – Ken Klotz –

- 2 meter is working great; 440 has some interference.
- WiresX is still in the wings
 - \$600.00 hotspot is needed
 - **MOTION:** Purchase the hotspot **PASSED**
- 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
- Looking for volunteers for a November work day at the repeater site.
- Greg will do some drone photography to see line of site
- Future project: weather station on the tower
- Handing over the reins of Repeater Trustee to Dustin McClure



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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
 - More info to follow
- 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
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- Roan 25 tower with Tail Twister rotator (no remote) - Contact: Dustin McClure
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- Fall Festival at Netherland Inn 10/7/2023 Netherland Inn
 - MOTION:** \$50.00 donation to Netherland Inn **PASSED**
 - UPDATE:** 12 contacts made on Saturday, 10 on Sunday; it was cloudy & windy
Sioux Falls, SD was the farthest contact
 - John Williams demonstrated and instructed some on NVIS
 - THANK YOU to Larry Dale for spearheading and Tom Price for all his help
 - WE NEED MORE PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT**
- Fire Prevention Week
 - Tom Price will get with Justin Compton to transfer info on this event
 - UPDATE:** This did not happen as Tom was sick
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- Radio Maintenance Shop in Knoxville
 - Owner - Carl Lyster 865-588-7120 or 865-399-7312

NEW BUSINESS/FORUM DISCUSSIONS



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- Looking into a change to Outlook email for more efficiency
 - Looking into a site in Mt. Carmel for Winter Field Day
 - This park has a big pavilion; could be used for Summer Field Day as well
 - Presentation Ideas: First radios; Antenna builds
 - There are Skywarn meetings at Cross Christian Church in Gray TN
 - Boy Scout involvement – Shawn is Asst. Cub Master for Pack 49; they meet every Monday @ 7:00pm at Mountain View Methodist Church;
 - Events for KARC participation
 - Fun Fest
 - STEM Day – Johnson City
 - More special events
 - Santa Train
 - Static radio and voter registration table at public area like Food City
 - Over The Mountain Men
 - Exchange Place
 - Carousel
 - Shortwave Santa at hospitals
 - Boats on the Air
 - Car Clubs
 - Kingsport Newspaper and Downtown Kingsport Assn have List of Events
 - POTA/SOTA
 - WE NEED MORE PARTICIPATION**
 - It's the same people all the time
 - MAY CANCEL THE POTA PROGRAM NEXT YEAR**
- Paul Stansfield can provide contact info for other clubs to invite them to participate

2024 Officer Nominations

President	Greg Johnson
Vice President	Rick Johnson
Treasurer	Lynn Anderson
Secretary	Gabby Lawton
Repeater Trustee	Dustin McClure

Rather than forming nominating committee – we will send our an email for suggestions