

Richmond County Amateur Radio Club

Feb. 8, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Mark Dawkins, N4CMD at 9:37 AM at the RCEM training room.

Nov. 9, 2024 minutes were read and Treasury Report given by James Bullard, KC4ZIE.

Old Business:

President Mark Dawkins, N4CMD, greeted two new hams and our newest club members. KJ4AOX and KQ4WTB were introduced to the members present and were presented with a new UV5R HT as a welcome to our ham radio community.

President Mark Dawkins talked about continuing to work on some static on the repeater and said that he plans to rewrite some of the macros for announcements and weather alerts. Mark also thanked all that were able to attend the club Christmas party in December, 2024.

New Business:

Mark Gibson, N4MQU, announced the test session dates for the coming year as March 15, June 15, September 20 and December 20. Mark says that he will try to set the third Saturday of those months as test dates but says that any special test sessions might also be possible.

Mark Gibson added the the NC QSO party is going to be held on Feb. 23 this year and encouraged all to get on the air and work the party from your home stations or any portable locations.

Mark Gibson and Michael Litty, KA4AMP, talked about possibly setting up PayPal as an option for accepting online payments to the club such as membership dues or donation. More information to come at a future date.

Mark Gibson talked about the STEM program for students that is to be held at the Cole Auditorium on April 10, 2025. Mark added that he plans to set up his portable ham station and his telescope for the demonstration asked that anyone that could to come out and help answer questions from interested students.

President Mark Dawkins asked the members present to think of any possible fundraising activities that would help

in funding more of the club get- togethers and club activities.

The current meeting minutes were read back by James Bullard and a motion to approve was made by Coy Hilton, AC0Y and seconded by Michael Litty. Vote was taken and all in favor.

Being no further business, President Mark Dawkins adjourned the meeting at 10:15am.

Everyone is encouraged to invite anyone interested in radio to join us at the meetings and any club function.

There were 13 people present

Meeting was followed by an informal ragchew session.