

Richmond County Amateur Radio Club

April 12, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Mark Dawkins, N4CMD at 9:35 AM at the RCEM training room.

March 6, 2025 minutes were read and Treasury Report given by James Bullard, KC4ZIE.

Old Business:

President Mark Dawkins confirmed that the 2025 Field Day will be held at Freedom Baptist Church on June 28. Several members said they would bring soft drinks, water and snacks.

Mark Gibson, N4MQU, gave us an update on the STEM program. Ted Lathan, KB4CIT, and Fred Lathan, KG4GSA were there to lend a hand with the setup and operation of Marks booth. The next STEM event is to be held at Mineral Springs School on April 15th at 4:30PM. Mark encouraged anyone to come out and help answer questions on ham radio.

New Business:

Mark Gibson said that he would review the rules and for ARRL Field Day and pertain to modes and categories.

Mike Litty, KA4AMP, asked for any ideas on unified logging of contacts made during field day. More work is needed to come up with a solution that allows multiple operators with multiple stations that will allow any QSOs to be logged and uploaded to Club Log or Logbook of the World.

Van Billingsly talked about his Johnson Award Presentation radio and asked that anyone to check it out. Van stated that it was indeed actual goldplated as he had it tested. Van has some vintage pictures of some past REACT members and how they used to help out with the severe beach traffic problems that would happen in Hamlet. It was brought up that REACT still has a active net on the McCain repeater on 442.250 MHz. At this time it is not clear what day and time the net is called.

Mike Litty gave a presentation on the updated club website including the many tabs and ham sites that have links

posted. Mike walked us thru the members page and how to register for the site, the equipment for sale page. Mike talked about linking the club Facebook page and merging with the club website and how there is not any easy solution to do that.

The current meeting minutes were read back by James Bullard and a motion to approve was made by Mike Litty and seconded by Jeff Isenhour, KE4LCF. Vote taken and all in favor.

Being no further business, President Mark Dawkins adjourned the meeting at 10:10am. Motion to adjourn by Mark Gibson and seconded by Olivia Reinhart, K8OJR.

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

There were 12 people present

Meeting was followed by an informal ragchew session.