

## Richmond County Amateur Radio Club

February 14, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Fred Lathan, KG4GSA, at 9:30 AM at the RCEM training room. January 10, 2025 minutes were read by James Bullard, KC4ZIE.

### Old Business:

VP Mark Dawkins, N4CMD, asked all that were present if the club wanted to hold this year's Field Day event at the Freedom Baptist Church. Fred Lathan said that he would contact the church to see if the shelter was available for June 27, 2026 for the club to meet. Motion was made by Ted Lathan, KB4CIT, and seconded by Coy Hilton, AC0Y, and was approved, all in favor.

Mark Dawkins talked about the intermittent static noise that can be heard on the club repeater and thought it may be related to the tower lights or possible loose ground connection. Mark stated that the tower crew would check the connections the next time they were on the tower.

### New Business:

President Fred Lathan brought his homebrew antenna made from a tape measure for demonstration. Fred brought along some supplies for any club members to try their hand at making a 2 meter beam antenna from some scrape tape measure and PVC parts. Fred assisted a couple of members with getting started on their own homebrew 2 meter beam antennas.

Ted Lathan asked about the upcoming Charlotte Hamfest and if there was any interested in attending. The dates for the hamfest will be March 6 and 7, 2026.

Mark Gibson, N4MQU, announced to the members present that March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 would be the annual NCQSO Party if anyone could work some stations on the HF bands. Mark also stated that the day before the NCQSO Party would be the SCQSO Party.

The minutes as taken were read back by James Bullard, motion to accept was made by Ted Lathan and seconded by Mike Litty, KA4AMP.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Fred Lathan at 10:01 AM with a ragchew session to follow.

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

There were 15 people present