



Richmond County Amateur Radio Club

December 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

The President, Ben Setzer WA4BCS, called the meeting to order. There were 9 members in attendance. Jamie McCroskey KM4ULG was accompanied by Ricky McIntyre, who missed the Technician exam at the W4VEC testing session on December 2, 2017 and is now shooting for the March, 2018 test session. The Secretary read the minutes of the November 4, 2017 minutes. There were no additions or corrections and the minutes were adopted..

Treasurer's Report: The current bank balance is \$878.22.

Old Business:

President Ben Setzer accepted the recommendations of the nominating committee and since there were no new nominations proclaimed that the officers for 2018 will remain the same.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the dining room at Peking Wok is reserved for the Christmas Party on December 9, 2017 at 6:30PM.

New Business: Mark Dawkins, N4CMD, gave a synopsis of the problems/issues with the new fusion on line repeater issues. There is a selectivity issue with the repeater apparently cross feeding between channels and causing issues where it has to be manually reset. The current solution is to bypass the preamp and set the power to 20 watts. Mark and Scott discussed several issues and the decision was made for Mark to contact Vann and solicit his help. In the meantime, the repeater is working. It is just sending a signal out further than it is capable of receiving.

It was reported that James Bullard's wife is in serious condition at Chapel Hill. No further information is available.

The club welcomed a guest, Tommy Woolard, who knows several of the members in the club and is interested in getting his Technician license. His email address, tommy.woolardii@gmail.com, has been added to the email listing and he will be provided any information, websites, advice from the club members that he needs to assist him in studying for the next W4VEC Technician exam session to be held March 3, 2018.

Mark Dawkins also discussed the possibility of the club adopting a foster child in 2018, for the purpose, of helping fund a Christmas for a foster child that might not ordinarily have anything for Christmas. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

At the end of the meeting Scott Whitaker was starting to discuss plans he had for some hospital supplies. . . . when the meeting was abruptly adjourned and his comments were lost and were not entered as part of the meeting minutes. The club looks forward to hearing how his plans worked out at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00a.m.

Allan Brown / W4EAB
Secretary / Treasurer