

Richmond County Amateur Radio Club

July 13, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Mark Dawkins, N4CMD at 9:46 AM at the RCEM training room.

June 8, 2024 minutes were read and Treasury Report given by James Bullard, KC4ZIE.

Old Business:

Mike Litty, KA4AMP, gave an update on the club website. Mike stated that he plans to add a swap meet section and a blog section along with adding member pictures. There was interest in having a club history section if possible. Mike said that he might be able to have emails sent out when the website has added new updates.

Mark Dawkins, N4CMD, thanked everyone that was able to attend the club event that was held at Freedom Baptist Church. Mark Gibson, N4MQU, stated that he was able to copy the International Space Station on one of its overhead passes. Mark Dawkins asked that we send a Thank You card to the church with a \$100 donation. Coy Hilton, AC0Y, made a motion and vote was taken, all approved.

Mark Dawkins stated that he is still waiting on the interface cable to arrive for the node/ repeater connection.

New Business:

Mark Dawkins asked the ones present for comments on this years Christmas Gathering. Pine Grove Baptist Church was brought up as a possible place to hold the event and possibly having either something catered or a Pot Luck dinner, more details to come in the following meetings.

Mark Gibson said that the VE team was going to have a demonstration and practice test session after the meeting ended. This is to show the new testing tablets and new procedures needed for paperless testing.

Mark Dawkins asked if we could try a simplex freq after the regular Thursday night net. This is to see what capabilities the club has for communicating if the club repeater was down for service or out of service. Possible training on NTS and passing traffic was brought up and how to operate as a net controller if ever needed.

Being no further business, President Mark Dawkins adjourned the meeting at 10:27am. The current meeting minutes were read back by James Bullard and a motion to approve was made by Coy Hilton and Rick Fisher, KQ4UAC. Motion adjourn by Mike Litty and vote taken, all approved.

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

There were 14 people present

Meeting was followed by an informal ragchew session.