

Richmond County Amateur Radio Club

August 10, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Mark Dawkins, N4CMD at 9:32 AM at the RCEM training room. July 13, 2024 minutes were read and Treasury Report given by James Bullard, KC4ZIE.

Old Business:

President Mark Dawkins, N4CMD, asked for possible dates in December for the club Christmas meeting. Jamie McCroskey, N4JWM, stated that we should be able to meet at Pine Grove Baptist Church again this year for our Christmas dinner. Motion was made by Mark Dawkins for December 14, 2024 to be the date for the Christmas Gathering and our regular club meeting would be held at the same time. No December club meeting will be held that Saturday morning. Motion was seconded by Jeff Isenhour, KE4LCF, vote taken and all approved. More details to come.

President Mark Dawkins complimented Michael Litty, KA4AMP, on all the updates to the club website. Mike added that there were some benefits to have a Google account for the club and the website. Coy Hilton, AC0Y, added he would like to see if APRS mapping might be added also.

Michael Litty asked about updating and changing the club website and passed around a sample of the new logo for all to see. It was decided to bring this to a motion at the September club meeting.

President Mark Dawkins stated that he had received all the needed equipment for the repeater upgrade and that he is just waiting on the Allstar ID to be provided.

New Business:

President Mark Dawkins stated that the club had in the past used 146.440 MHz and 28.325 MHz as alternate frequencies and reminded everyone that we could continue to use those in case we needed emergency communications region wide.

President Mark Dawkins asked if the club would like to provide a Lifetime membership to Van Billingsly for his longtime support of the radio club and radio community. Motion made by Mark Gibson, N4MQU, and seconded by Coy Hilton. Vote was taken and all approved.

Olivia Reinhart, K8OJR, asked if the club might provide new tested hams with a free first year club membership or a free HT radio with a paid first year membership. Olivia will put some additional information together on this proposal.

Mark Gibson reminded everyone present that the club has a facebook page to help promote the club and hobby. Mark also stated that the next test session will be held on October 19, 2024.

President Mark Dawkins ended the meeting with a program on what a repeater is and how it operates. Mark talked features that could be added such as weather announcements and reminders. Coy Hilton made a motion to adjourn and all approved.

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 15 people present

Meeting was followed by an informal ragchew session.