

YCARS July Business Meeting Minutes (2018)

Meeting: Thurs. July 12th, 2018 - 7:30 PM, 21 were attendance.

Darcy Pach, KK4ONT, President of the club brought the meeting to order.

- Darcy introduced visitors: Chris Marshall. New to amateur radio and not licensed yet.
- Steve Kelly, WB4QNI read the treasurer report and was approved by the members.
- Steve discussed the donations to the club from a Ham radio operator, K4RWL, that is no longer doing ham radio. Steve suggested we put cards out for members to make bids on.
- Minutes for June 14, 2018 were read by Brent Case, K4BSC and approved by the members.
- Richard Marby, KM4HTM asked about the high gas bill from April and no information was available since the treasurer wasn't attending.
- Darcy introduced two guests, Marc Tarplee, ARRL SC Section Manager N4UFP, and Morgan Willams, KB4GFJ. Dr. Marc reported on Field Day operations around the state. He said that many of the low country sites he visited were either in some building or air-conditioned trailer. He noted that many clubs struggled with figuring out working the exchange on FT8 for field day. In the freeform field you can put the exchange.
- Darcy asked for lessons learned from our field day operations to be better prepared next year.
 - Andy Kunik, AE8J, said we didn't have a generator lined up for the CW station. Luckily, we were able to use one from the park with a \$20 donation.
 - Barnes, W4GOY suggested we reserve the pavilion location earlier in the year.
 - John Gendron, KE4PLT, reported on the great attendance on all the stations and visitors. It was reported that 25-30 members were there, and 14 guests signed in with 6 or more operating at each of the stations throughout the 24-hour period.
 - Everyone thanked Richard Marby, KM4HTM, for the fine job on the meals at Field Day.
 - Hillary Ramsey, KN4KCE suggested we offer services to visitors such as programming their HT's for digital modes or area repeaters. Need to provide table and personnel available to help and reach out and engage new ham's that visit to get them on the air and provide any help they need.
- Darcy talked about the 1st Thursday meeting and to be conscious of those trying to learn how to operate, to keep chatter and conversations to a minimum in the radio room. Try to hold your ragchews in the main hall so those trying to learn on the new radios can operate.
 - Darcy suggested we do more activities on the 1st Thursday meeting such as learning to solder or install a radio in vehicle. If you have a need to do these types of activities, schedule the activity so Brent can email the specific activity for the 1st Thursday meeting to increase participation in the club.
- Darcy asked if anyone worked 13 Colonies contest during the 1st week of July. Many club members participated and there were a few that got most or all of them. Walt was able utilize FT8 to get his contacts.
- Darcy reminded us to work the World Radio Sport contest this coming weekend, July 14-15.
- Wayne Reeves, KD4RNP, noted that the air conditioner will be checked on this Friday. If anyone can turn on the air conditioner a couple of hours before a meeting it would helpful to cool down the clubhouse. Be sure to turn it off at the end of the meetings. This means to check that the switch is centered.
- John Gendron reported on progress of Hamfest preparation. Darcy reported that about 60% of the funds needed to run the club come from hamfest. He challenged John to increase the hamfest profits by \$1000.
 - A special effort will be made to track all sources of revenue.
 - John said he is arranging for tables to be delivered, setup and picked up by a third-party vendor for a fee.
 - John would be going to the church and count the spots for tailgating and inside tables to maximize space.
 - He said he was planning on using 3 different color tickets; one for general admission, one for tailgating and one for inside tables to help provide better tracking of ticket sale income.

- John said he would do pre-sales to various area clubs to maximize ticket sales. This will allow us to have the money upfront and reduce traffic backup in the mornings due to ticket sales. There will be no discount on ticket price but will provide an incentive with a pre-sales raffle prize.
- To alleviate parking issues, members need to park in the strip mall area and walk over to the hamfest.
- Wayne will oversee food services. Walt and Richard will help.
- Presale tickets and Raffle tickets will be sold at Shelby Hamfest with a club table. He also plans to attend various club meetings in the Carolinas to do presales, the same that Charlotte club does at our meeting in February.
- John is arranging prizes from various sources. Getting our new club tax 501c3 application setup is key so vendors can provide a tax-deductible donation.
- John's XLY is going to coordinate a bake sale to increase money coming into the club.
- VE Testing will start at 8 AM and an ARRL forum will be held afterwards.
- Hillary will provide public relations for the hamfest and post flyers at various locations.
- John and Barnes will schedule a "Palmetto Morning's" segment to advertise the hamfest the week before on WRHI radio station and possibly CN2.
- Dr. Marc will advertise the hamfest on his ARRL section reports and on the ARRL SC section page website.
- QST is updated on the ARRL website.
- Traffic will be handled by Billy Hallman. John would provide vests with YCARS logo on back.
- Someone will be at each door to check for tickets to enter the building.
- John will make sure proper change is provided early enough for ticket sales.
- Club will provide a table for radio equipment donated by club members to sale for donations for the club. Club members wishing to sell personal items will need to make other arrangements than selling at the club PA and donation table.
- John will schedule a meeting prior to Sept Business meeting so we are ready to roll for the Hamfest.
- Darcy reported on progress on the Bylaws and Constitution of the club. We discussed what constitutes a member such as lifetime or honorary. We talked about family memberships with spouse and under 18 children as non-voting. Only each paid membership is provided for each vote. Also talked about charging a discount for family members. Also talked about if you lapse your membership, whether you pay your lapsed dues, or you must go through approval process to gain membership again. Discussion was tabled for another time.
- Darcy reported that as he was doing the budget, it was noted that dues does not cover the cost of running the club with all the costs of insurance, property taxes, activity costs, utility bills etc and the importance of maximizing our Hamfest efforts.
- Meeting was adjourned, with Brent winning the 50/50.