

# YCARS March Business Meeting Minutes (2018)

**Meeting:** Thurs. March 8th, 2018 - 7:30 PM, 24 were attendance.

John Gendron, KE4PLT, Vice-President of the club brought the meeting to order. Darcy Pach, President, and Brent Case, Secretary were also in attendance. John Sneed, Treasurer was excused.

- Darcy introduced Visitors:
  - Victor Belanger, KN4JYY
  - Ron Thompson, K4RRT
  - Ron Pryor, KN4KCD
    - All filled out applications to be voted on at the next meeting.
- Minutes were read by Brent Case for February Business Meeting and approved by the members.
- Treasurer report was given by Steve Kelly and was approved by the members.
- Wayne Reeves reported that the gas leak was probably a pilot light that wasn't lit. All three pilot lights have been re-lit and no smell of gas is reported.
- Trustee Change Status. Since the Trustee license doesn't expire until June 2019, it will be changed over to Mike Keziah when the new club is setup as a 501c3 non profit entity in June/July time frame this year.
- Hamfest Business:
  - John Gendron stated that he would make sure the payment was made to Newkirk First Baptist Church so it is reserved officially.
  - Tables were brought up by Wayne Reeves where we could by 6-foot tables cheaply that were solid but lighter. Discussion was that we would stay with 8-foot tables and new ones can be purchased over time to replace the broken ones.
    - More discussion ensued about getting tables delivered. John Gendron said he would investigate getting them delivered by a third party.
    - Brent was going to print flyers for the Charlotte Hamfest. Members voted on a motion to raise some of the prices. \$5 admission, (no change), \$10, Tailgating space, \$15 inside tables, and \$10 Power. Motion was passed by the membership.
- Darcy Pach talked about the continuing work to converting the club to a legal 501c3 entity. Brent will distribute copies of the current Bylaws (Constitution) and Policy Manual (Bylaws). Darcy solicited members to make suggestions for improving the documents for items they think are missing. Darcy and John would provide a new Constitution and Bylaws in the April/May time frame to have the members review and vote on. Not only will this activity will help us be legal with the IRS, but it will make it easier for vendors or members to make tax deductible donations to the club.
- Darcy reported that he was still working on getting keys to approved members.
  - With a key, members will be provided a checklist of things needed checked when opening or closing the club as well as where switches, breakers, valves etc. are located.
- John Gendron talked about the Club Radio Purchase. A survey went out by email of three possible choices for types of radios to purchase. He gave secret ballots to members that didn't respond back by email for their choices.
  1. The club purchases a higher-end transceiver with accessories. This radio will be a base station radio that will not be used for field operations in most cases.
  2. The club purchases a higher-end transceiver and an entry level HF transceiver, with limited accessories. The entry level radio will also be portable and be of sufficient capabilities that can be used for field day and operating parties.

3. The club purchases two mid-level radios with some accessories. These will be portable for field day and operating parties. These transceivers will be more advanced than an entry level transceiver but still simple to operate for new hams.
    - John will compile the information and present back to the members in a future meeting. Darcy and John will be attending the Hamvention in Dayton and will look for specials and opportunities. It is hoped we purchase these before Field Day in June.
- John talked about becoming a VE. Discussion ensued about how to become a VE. It was noted that YCARS is affiliated with the ARRL and those that are affiliated with other organizations can easily submit approval to the ARRL without taking a test. Brent will give a presentation on how to become a VE in May.
  - Darcy reported that Westminster Park is now available for Field Day. Members voted to use this pavilion for Field Day in June. Richard Marby volunteered to head the evening food social. Darcy will focus on the HF setup.
  - Brent reported on a request by the Red Cross to have YCARS participate in their annual York County exercise to deploy a Red Cross Shelter at the West End Baptist Church. Brent will provide further details by e-mail to solicit volunteers for the 2m station. John Gendron would head up an HF special event station. We see this as an opportunity to show the community that YCARS supports them. It will help in getting our 501c3 designation.
  - John and Darcy will be picking up a donation of a military mast tripod from W2ROD, Rodney Moore, to help the club with field day.
  - John and Darcy talked about training classes to be held prior to the Fourth of July 13 Colonies contest to train new hams on contesting. More information will be forth coming.
  - Brent asked to see if anyone was interested in a general class so new Technicians could start the participate in contest such as the 13 Colonies Special Event. More information will be forthcoming by email.
  - Andy Kunik and Bill Manheim talked about an upcoming CW class. An email survey showed there was considerable interest and a survey will go out on determining a convenient time for the classes.
  - Darcy reported that the officers were working on a quarterly budget to prepare for converting our club to the new legal status.
  - Meeting was adjourned and 50/50 was held with John Gendron winning.