

YCARS February Business Meeting Minutes (2019)

Meeting: Thurs. February 14th, 2019 - 7:30 PM, 25 were attendance.

- Darcy Pach, K4DQP, President of the club brought the meeting to order.
- Darcy talked about the passing of Haney Howell, K2XN (SK). A plaque will be placed on the wall and Haney will be designated as an Honorary Member. John Gendron, NJ4Z will be doing a Silent Key Ceremony on one of the nets in the next week.
- Since Brent Case, K4BSC is sick, Colby Case, AE1U read the minutes from January Business meeting. They were approved by the membership.
- Treasurer Report was read by Fred Thompson, KK4FT and approved by membership.
- John Gendron gave an update on the 501-3c. He is doing another IRS resubmission by the 22nd of February. He is targeting dissolving the old corporation by Feb 28.
- John talked about setting up committees to spread the responsibilities to the membership. The first one is the fund-raising committee to be chaired by Tedd Clayton, KN4RJW. Public Outreach and Public Relations is headed by Steve Czaikowski, W3SPC. John Gendron will head up the Hamfest Committee. Education Committee is OPEN. Contesting is also chaired by John Gendron.
- John gave a Hamfest status update. He has reached out to many vendors at Charleston Hamfest and reaffirmed their attendance as well as talking to others. We are going with a longer Hamfest, 7am -2 pm. We will have additional Forums.
- John talked about the availability of T-shirts with YCARS and name that can be purchased by the members. Customized embroidered apparel can be ordered in the future at South Paw Screen Printing on Cherry Rd.
- John reported that Steve Czaikowski has decals for your car windows available for \$5.
- Tedd Clayton talked about what the club is doing with fund raising and making the York County area more aware of the value of amateur radio operators.
- Steve Czaikowski talked about Public Outreach and many donations for banners and signs received for the club. He mentioned some new flyers that members can distribute to advertise the club with other Ham's and the community at large. Many ideas were brought forth by the members to increase awareness of the club.
- John reported on Contesting. Winter FD received over 23,000 points. There wasn't going to be any SC QSO Party activity at the clubhouse, but they would be here for the ARRL DX contest, March 2-3, and CQ Worldwide Contest the end of March.
- Darcy talked about the refresh of the club interior, the main hall and radio room. Paint was donated to the club by Sherwin-Williams. A plan would be made to upgrade and paint the main hall and radio room.
- Darcy talked about the 2019 budget for the coming year. After discussion with the members, it was voted on and approved by the members.
- Steve Czaikowski reminded members there is an opportunity to purchase Yaesu System Fusion type radios at a discount and to see him.
- Steve talked about a proposal to install Internet access at the clubhouse. He iterated different reasons for outreach, technology reasons related to radio communications, updating computers, logging, DX Spotting, remote access to use the radios, call-sign look-up, and providing live streaming of meetings and presentations for those disable from being present at the clubhouse. John Gendron brought up two compelling reasons for Internet access is VOIP phone for safety reasons and remote access to video surveillance for the facility. The downside is the cost, a two-year commitment is required from Comporium for about \$90 a month. Steve volunteered to cover the first year but the additional fixed cost in the budget for 2020 would probably cause an increase in dues. After much discussion by the members, it was approved to setup Internet with \$90 a month the second year with Steve paying for the first year.

- John Gendron talked about making John Sneed, W8JGS a lifetime member for his long service to the club. A motion was made and passed. He also talked about Robert Steinfeld, LA8QQ (SK) whose wife donated radios that were sold and helped us get the radios in the radio room. Motion was passed to accept him as an honorary member.
- John also talked about getting shirts to sell or ask for a donation at the Charlotte Hamfest. The request was for \$225 for setup and purchase of shirts with contingency on legality of asking for donation at the hamfest. A motion was made and was approved by members for the expenditure.
- Fifty/Fifty was held, and Steve Kelly won.
- Meeting was adjourned.