

The monthly club meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held Monday evening, March 21, 2022 in the Fellowship Hall of Peace Presbyterian Church, 3202 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC at 7:30 pm.

President Ron K4FET called the meeting to order, welcomed all for coming, and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Paul K4PGM gave the invocation. Ron K4FET led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. We had 34 members and 1 visitor present.

Ron K4FET asked if all had an opportunity to read the minutes of the last meeting, Mike K4JWX pointed out that the committee was not tasked with the purchase of hex beam antenna, the motion for radio packages was for two radios. Don KO4RKP and Dale AK4YS moved the minutes be accepted as amended and the motion carried.

David KO4RKR gave the Treasurer Report, we had money, we added some money, we spent some money, and we still have money left.

Larry N4USB gave the Net Manager report. February was a short month, check-ins, times, and traffic were all down from the previous month.

Carl K4CFB was not present at the meeting, but sent a report. There are no new cases needing the connections with Health & Welfare to report.

Mike K4JWX, repeater trustee reported that the repeaters were up and doing fine business.

David KI4W, membership chairman, reported we had no new members this month, the roster has been updated and is published on the website, we currently have 112 members and have sent over 40 emails to non-renewed members asking them to renew their membership with the club.

George KM4ODS reporting on Field Day. It is June 25 and June 26, we need a volunteer to honcho the GOTA station, they have been looking for alternate sites to hold Field Day. This year there will be two towers and two hex beams available. Hector KB4LOA will honcho the SSB station, and Ron K4FET the CW station. A question came up from Fred N4ZCG "Can you operate from home and from the club site for Field Day?" George will ask the question of ARRL.

David KI4W, Swapfest chair, is looking for table reservations for the Swapfest, it will be August 13 this year, at the Cumberland County Shrine Club, 7040 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville. Look around, see what you have to sell/trade/barter/donate...

Jim K4BUC reported the recent VE Testing session had 9 testers, and resulted in 4 new technicians, 3 new generals, and 1 new extra. Congratulations to these new hams and new upgrades. The next test session will be June 18 at the Peace Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.

Dale AK4YS has stepped up to be the new Public Information Officer/Public Relations.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Fred N4ZCG reported the committee for radio recommendations determined the best radio at present is the Yaesu FT-DX10, due to time constraints and current lack of stock and possible shortages, they have purchased 3 of these radios for \$4347.00 and have them in hand presently. They still are in discussion regarding power supplies (Ashton 5530AC, Jetstream 30), band pass filters, tuners. The CW station needs a long wire antenna. Another Hex Beam antenna has been ordered for the second tower. There was a bit of discussion regarding the radio purchase, the lack of a member vote to allocate the funds necessary, a need to update/revise the club bylaws and policies and procedures (specifically changing "mail" to include "email") to call for changes to be made. Van KG4HYJ called for a motion to ratify the purchase of the radios, second by David KO4RKR, and the motion carried. Paul K4PGM and Mike K4JWX called for the committee to return next month with recommendation for the club for the purchase of power supplies for the stations, and if there is a need for the bandpass filters and tuners with the new radios.

Ron K4FET reported that there was a large quantity of material removed from Chuck KJ4RV(SK) home and is being sorted and will be offered for sale at the JARSFest on April 15/16. The club has 8 tables, Ron K4FET and George KM4ODS, Fred N4ZCG and Carrie

KE4DEV, will help handle the tables and sales, but still need more folks to step forward with assistance. There are presently 13 totes (heading towards 20+) of material for said JARSFest.

George KM4ODS spoke of the necessity of revising the Constitution of the club, the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures of the club, (again, specifically “mail” for notification of members, publication of the newsletter, etc.) George KM4ODS and David KO4ROG called for a committee to be established to research and establish these changes and the motion carried.

#### DOOR PRIZES

David KI4W held the door prize drawing. The bulk of materials for this month’s drawing were donated by Fred N4ZCG. Jim K4BUC won a safety harness, Paul K4PGM 2 hanks of paracord and a mini-screwdriver tool kit, Jeremy KN4JUY a Blue Microphone, Don KO4RKP a ball cap, 2 hanks of paracord, and a speaker. Ron K4FET, John W4RDU took home ball caps. Berry W4IKS took home a ball cap and a t-shirt. Billie KF4IKS took home a ball cap. Hector KB2LOA also took a ball cap and t-shirt. Norman (awaiting call sign) took home a wall map. Mike K4JWX and Bobbi N4KAY both took home Lenten Roses. Plants were also won by Jeremiah KO4VRM, Jeremy KN4JUY and Van N4ERM.

#### PROGRAM

David KF4FXC gave a presentation/demonstration of webSDR.org. It was interesting and informative.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Fred N4ZCG and Jim KI4YRH called for us to go home, and Ron K4FET closed the meeting at 9:00 pm. The next meeting will be here at Peace Presbyterian Church on April 18. We had 35 members and visitors present for the meeting.

Submitted:

Bill Ivey, KJ4OFD, Recorder

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K4PGM	KB4LOA	KF4FXC	KF4KSK	KG6HYJ
KI4W	KI4YRH	KJ4OFD	KK4MCY	KK4TBC
KM4JJJ	KM4ODS	KM4ODT	KN4JUY	KN4OTA
KN4UHI	KO4RKP	KO4RKR	KO4ROG	KO4UFT
KO4VA	KO4VRM	N4ERM	N4KAY	N4USB
N4ZCG	NORMAN	W4RDU	WA2COU	