

The August Monthly Meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at Peace Presbyterian Church at 3203 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC on Monday evening, August 16, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. We had 26 members and 2 guests present.

Vice President Dale AK4YS welcomed all for coming and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Bill KE4DER gave the invocation. Dale AK4YS led the introductions in the usual CFARS Fashion.

Dale AK4YS asked if all had the opportunity to read the minutes of the last meeting. Callsign for Hector KB4LOA was reported as incorrect. Fred N4ZCG and Jim KI4YRH moved to accept the minutes as published and the minutes were accepted.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Due to the passing of Chuck KJ4RV /SK there was no Treasurer's Report. Bob WA4WHV will fill the remainder of Chuck's term with David KI4W (until January 2022). Dale AK4YS asked if anyone would like to take the Secretary/Treasurer/Net Manager positions. Marty W4MLW and Jim KI4YRH moved to accept Bob/David as protem until someone is elected and the motion carried.

Ron K4FET reported on the Possum Trot net. He is feeling better, but still needs much adult supervision.

Ben KM4ODT reported the repeaters are all ok and doing fine business, and that the 6m repeater will still OOC and awaiting parts.

David KI4W presented new packages to Sean Lynch KM4KEG, David Nix KO4OXF, and Jeff Clark KO4NON, each introduced themselves to the members. Mitch KN4OTH and Jim KI4YRH moved to accept them as new members and the motion carried. David KI4W also had the final packages prepared by Chuck KJ4RV/SK for:

Jason Capps KO4NFN, John Larch KK4MZS, James Dawdy WO4NDC, Bennett Rogers KK6SHQ, Victoria Wilson KD2TYQ, Blake Wilson KD2OUQ, Jason Kimokeo KO4OXH,

Bill Manigo KJ4FYV, Dane Kealoha KO4RKQ, and a life membership packet for David Dominga NC4XL. Folks, if you would please contact David KI4W and make arrangements to pick these packages up.

Fred N4ZCG has PO Box key until such time as someone new replaces Chuck KJ4RV/SK.

David KI4W reported on the recent Swapfest. 27 tables were allocated, attendance was down @25%, 2 people asked for tables but were no-shows. Ed N4ESA did an outstanding job with the refreshments. He really has to go out of his way to pick these up fresh for you, and really appreciated all of you who stopped at Hardee's, McDonald's, and Bojangle's and ate breakfast before you came to the Swapfest. Donations and sales fell some \$20 short of covering costs, fortunately Marty W4MLW did a great job with the Club table and door prizes and made @\$500 extra for the Club coffers. As a final note, David KI4W mentioned that it might be nice of some of the younger, healthier, stronger members could possible see it clear to help out in setting up/taking down, and cleaning up the venue in the future.

Health and Welfare. Chuck KJ4RV/SK died recently, memorial arrangements: A Gathering of Friends will be held on Sunday, September 5, 2021 from 1 to 4 pm at Grace Independent Baptist Church in Sanford. His obituary is at <https://www.jerniganwarren.com/obituary/Charles-Ward>

Ron K4FET was recently hospitalized, but has been released and is doing as well as can be expected.

As a reminder for all: Field Day is the last full weekend in June of every year. Please make note in your calendar and plan to be there.

George KM4ODS reports if you participated in the recent SSB 10-10 contest, please resubmit your logs.

Pat N4UGH our VE Coordinator has resigned after a long tenure. Jim KO4INQ has agreed to take on that challenge. The next VE Test session will be in October.

Newsletter Editor Extraordinaire Mike KN4XP asked that “if you are not receiving the newsletter, send an email to [cfarsnews@gmail.com](mailto:cfarsnews@gmail.com) to get on the list.” That same email will accept any articles, pictures, submissions for the newsletter.

Steve KI4EZL webmaster is doing a great job with the website. He too will accept any information to be published on the website.

Public Relations guru Marty W4MLW is trying to get us onto the Spectrum Community Calendar.

George KM4ODS: reminder that due to the Haiti earthquake remain OFF frequencies related to the relief efforts: 3.750, 7.150, and 14.330 MHz

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Repeater Committee is looking to upgrade the repeaters (440MHz in particular) to DMR. Marty W4MLW is also requesting we link to the Carolina 440 network. We have to ok from the county emergency coordinator to install our own cable/internet service to the location. Greg KK4TBC and David KI4W moved to install the internet service and upgrade the repeaters at a capital cost not to exceed \$400 and a monthly service not to exceed \$75.00 per month. There was some discussion and the motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Becky Ward has requested we remove a trailer with the CFARS Field Day equipment. Jeremy KE4JUY has a place to store the trailer and will make arrangements to move them. Ed N4ESA will do an inventory of the equipment.

### **DOOR PRIZES**

Marty W4MLW passed out a number of fabulous prizes:

- \$ A Baufeng radio donated by CFARS went to Steve W4SMD
- \$ Ammo box Humidors donated by Bill KJ4OFD went to Ed N4ESA and to Berry W4IKS
- \$ Fishing kits donated by NC Wildlife went to David KO4OXH and Mitch KN4ONH
- \$ Gel cell battery donated by Ron KM4QMS went home with Berry W4KIS
- \$ A code keyer donated by Steve W4SMD was won by Laird WA2COU
- \$ A 2008 ARRL Handbook and ARRL Antenna Book donated by David KI4W went to Preston Boyd.

There were strippers involved here at some point, but the recorder knows not who provided them, and/or who took them home... ??? WIRE Strippers...

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mike KN4XP and Jim KI4YRH having been up past their bedtime moved to adjourn the meeting. Dale AKSYS closed the meeting at 8:45 pm and asked that everyone come out to our next meeting on September 20, 2021.

AK4YS	K4FET	KB4LOA	KE4DER	KF4QBI
KG6HYJ	KI4W	KI4YRH	KJ4OFD	KK4MCY
KK4TBC	KM4ODT	KN4JUY	KN4KEG	KN4ONH
KN4XP	KO4NON	KO4OXF	KO4RKP	N4ESA
N4USB	N4ZCG	Preston Boyd	W4IKS	W4MLW
W4SMD	WA2COU			