

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held Monday evening, February 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, and a minute of silence was held for Marty W4MLW, and Ron K4FET led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. We had 36 members and 3 visitors present.

Ron K4FET asked if all had an opportunity to read the minutes of the last meeting, Don KO4RKP and Dale AK4YS moved the minutes be accepted as published 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. We have the Possum Trot net on Monday thru Friday, from 0500 - 0700 local, and the 2m Evening Net at 1900 local all on the 146.91 repeater. Thanks for the Net Controllers who keep these nets running. If you would like to be a Net Controller, get in touch with Larry to volunteer yourself.

Carl K4CFB reported on the Health and Welfare of the club. He has sent a card to Marty W4MLW to get well sooner.

Mike K4JWX, Repeater Trustee, reported the repeaters were all alive and well, internet had been installed to the repeater room, and that connections would be made to the various link repeaters in the near future. (The Carolina 440 net was discussed, as was All-Star and Echolink.) Internet setup to complete on February 17th.

David KO4RKR introduced new members Tim Capps KO4VEC and Thomas Blaskovich KO4SAB, who came forward and introduced themselves. Dale AK4YS and Fred N4ZCG moved to accept them as members and the motion carried.

George KM4ODS reported Field Day this year is June 25/25, site TBD. The NC QSO party is this weekend at Smith Lake. We will start setting up at noon Saturday. The contest is from 10 am until 8 pm Sunday. Bring your own snacks, drinks, etc. Ron K4FET will be in charge of the CW station and Hector KB2LOA the SSB station.

David KI4W has the swapfest posted on the ARRL website and has sent the notice to the SERA Journal. Start getting your stuff together now!

The Public Relations officer position is vacant, there was no report.

Mike KN4XP and Steve KI4EZL are both doing fine business with the Newsletter and Website, respectively.

Jim K4BUC, our VE Coordinator will be conducting a VE Testing Session on Saturday morning, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am at the Cumberland County Shrine Club, 7040 Ramsey Street, in Fayetteville. Ron K4FET reported that check-ins for the Possum Trot net are currently running @ 35-42 per net.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

We need some volunteers to help remove items from Chuck KJ4RV(SK) radio shack. We need to clear the items and will be there on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 10:00 am local until... to move the equipment, and to inventory and sort same.

There was some discussion regarding operations with Field Day, NC QSO party, and the lack of standards for the equipment. After some discussion it was suggested that the club look into setting up 2 stations, each consisting of a radio, a tuner for said radio, a power supply for that station and a band-pass filter, all to be fitted into a convenient Pelican carrying case. Ron K4FET formed a committee consisting of Jeremy KN4JUY, David KB4XFC, Greg KK4TBC, and Fred N4ZCG, to establish which radio/tuner/filter package to purchase, given a budget of \$5000 for the purchase, with the intent that they be available for this year's Field Day Activities, and report at the March meeting.

With the discussion completed regarding the radios, it was discussed that the club also purchase a second hex beam antenna and rotor, budget of \$1000. David KB4XFC and Mike K4JWX to

look into purchasing.

#### PROGRAM

There was no program, speaker was unable to attend.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### DOOR PRIZE DRAWING

There was no door prize drawing, Marty W4MLW is laid up lazy, keep him in your prayers.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mike K4JWX moved to go home, second by Laird WA2COU and Ron K4FET closed the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Submitted:

Bill Ivey, KJ4OFD, Recorder

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AK4YS	K4BUC	K4CFB	K4FET	K4JWX
K4PGM	KB2LOA	KB4XFC	KD2YNP	KD4OXG
KE4DER	KI4W	KI5RWS	KJ4OFD	KK4MCY
KK4TBC	KM4ODS	KM4ODT	KN4JUY	KN4OTA
KN4UHI	KO4RKP	KO4RKR	KO4SAB	KO4UFT
KO4VRM	N1GNF	N4ESA	N4KAY	N4USB
N4ZCG	WA2COU	WA4CW	WA4WHV	