

# **CAPE FEAR AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES**

**January 2025**

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:00 pm, Monday, January 20th, 2025, in the Fellowship Hall of Peace Presbyterian Church, 3202 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC.

President David Winfree WD4NC called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Don KO4IHM gave the invocation. David WD4NC led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion.

Don WO4SFA moved Decembers' minutes be approved, David K4FXC seconded, and the motion was carried.

## **PROGRAM**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **• DURING MEETING**

- David WD4NC will have an Emergency drill at EOC, Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00 hours. The goal will be to check and then operate from the EOC via repeater and simplex. If you would like to come assist please let David know otherwise you can help from home by checking in on the club 910 repeater or on simplex.
- Amanda Shreck and China from the EOC representatives from the Cumberland County Emergency Management Center presented some information about the EOC and its use of amateur radio. They recently picked up some equipment to enhance and upgrade related to the SHARES program. They are looking for gaps in local fire stations, shelters, and other locations to have a better plan to cover these with communications during an emergency event. They mentioned having members come in every 30 to 45 days to test their equipment to ensure its usability. They want to include the ham radio community in tabletop exercises and full operational emergency tests soon.
- W4MY, Marty Chairman about NCQSO party presented some information on the NC QSO party. There are some changes to this year's event which includes the Club Bonus and the weak Signal Showcase. Maty recommended we read the rules again thoroughly regarding the changes. The FT8/4 showcase will be separate from the main party and not be included in the main NCQP log, but in its own section.
- Event Coordinator: Rod KQ4FNO:
  - Jan 25-26, Winter Field Day: setup at 0700 at the SFA compound on Saturday 25 Jan, event details on Facebook CFARS event page
  - Jan 30th, STEAM at Gray's Creek Middle School. Meet at 6pm on site. POC Christine Scott.

- NC QSO Party Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am to 8pm at the SFA compound, details are forthcoming as we get closer to the event
- CFARS nonprofit status is currently 501 C7, Rod KO4FNO is looking at changing our designation to 501C3, there may be some advantages to this that he will brief later.
- WD4NC David mentioned that anyone using the clubs name or callsign must get the clubs permission when using it in social media, email etc.

## REPORTS TO RECORDER

- Treasurer: Mike KC4ABE gave the financial report.
- Health and Welfare: Nina KN4KUL: KO4RKR David had surgery, have not heard anything other than that. W4RDU John Nicholson a previous member had a procedure and is doing ok. Ron K4FET is also having a procedure 24 Jan. Bill Ivey KJ4OFD has a family member in the hospice. Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.

We still need committee reports on the following areas:

- Membership: KI4W, report sent separately
- Net Manager: Larry N4USB,  
December net report:  
793 check ins 25.6 AVG  
1137 minutes 36.7 AVG
- Possum Trot net: Greg NC4GK, PT net continues 5:00am to 7:00am.
- Repeaters: David K4FXC,
  - Brightspeed internet service at the repeater site was down for some time but is now back up
- Newsletter: Any submissions please send to Mike KN4XP by end of month, ideally in Microsoft Word format. [cfarsnews@gmail.com](mailto:cfarsnews@gmail.com)
- Web Site: Jim K4BUC. No Update. [jbuccieri@twc.com](mailto:jbuccieri@twc.com)  
VE Coordinator: Jim K4BUC, next VE test session will be listed on the website. Bring an FRN number.
- Public Relations: Hector KB4LOA, continue posting ham radio and club activity on the CFARS Facebook page.
- Swap fest: David KI4W, CFARS 25<sup>TH</sup> anniversary Swapfest will be in August more to come on this
- ARRL representative: David K4FXC No update
- Contest Coordinator: Juan NK2MC No update
- Emergency Coordinator: Jeremiah KO4VRM, Greg NC4GK, No Update

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Rod recommended we buy headphones for the club radios 2 each, at a cost of approximately \$10 each
  - Motion made by Juan NK2MC to purchase the headphones and was seconded by Jeremy KB4D

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DOOR PRIZES**

Pete won a Ammo can

Luis KQ2L won some coax jumper and an Ammo Can

Rod won Coax jumper

Jeremy KB4D won a power cable and a coax jumper

Tim KO4VEC won a Coax jumper

Don KO4IHM won a coax jumper

Liard WA2COU won ammo can

Don WO4SFA won a tumbler

DC WP4TGK won connectors

Tracy KF4KFL won a coax jumper

Ed N4ESA won a coax jumper

Don KO4IHM won an ammo can

### **50/50 DRAWING**

Tyler K4TTN collected \$106 – Chris KR4I had the winning ticket 2289 for \$53

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Tim KO4VEC made a motion to adjourn the meeting Juan NK2MC seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. There were 36 members and 6 guests present.

Submitted: Chris Ray KR4I, Recorder.

KQ4QAV KO4IHM KO4FNO KQ2C WP4PRX WK2COU KQ4VFM KI4W NK2MC K4FXC K4TTN  
KF4KFL KB4D N1GNF KN4UHI WO4SFA WD4NC K4QFK KJ4OFD N0NV KK4TNO WB2TZY  
N4ESA KB4ABE K4BUC KQ4QEM NC4PB KN4KUL KB4LOA AK4YS W4HDF KO4VEC KR4I  
KK4MCY KQ4NTM WP4TGK

GUESTS:

AMANDA

CHINI

MATY W4MY

LUIS KQ2L  
CARLOS K4CCJ  
EMANUEL KR4AJN