



KARC – Kingsport Amateur Radio Club
Website: W4TRC.org
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 10, 2022
Location: Randall's Restaurant, Church Hill
Start Time: 1805 Adjourned: 1857
Presentation: Fusion Radios/Antenna Tuning

Next Meeting: March 10, 2022
Location: Randall's Restaurant, Church Hill
Time: 1700
Training/Presentation: NVIS Antennas

Attending: Ken Burnier, Ron Burns, David Broome, Mary Ellen Broome, Rick Brooks, Joshua Carmack, Charles Collingwood, Chad Collins, Justin Compton, Larry Dale, George DeVault, Carl Dewitt, Joe Ewing, Will Ewing, Justin Farris, Eric Fletcher, Greg Johnson, Rick Johnson, Brody Ketron, Ken Klotz, Linda Moenter, Ken Morris, Patrick Morris, Gary Overbay, Tom Price, David Rotenberry, Randy Steed, Karen Sullivan, Mike Sullivan, Neil Weber, John Williams

Meeting Opened

- Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
- Presentation of Awards:
 - Rick Johnson – Service Recognition
 - John Williams – GOAT Award
 - Liz Williams – GOAT Award
 - Ron Burns – Master GOAT Award
 - Brody Ketron – First SOTA Event
 - Justin Farris – Foxhunt – Bloodhound Award
 - Joshua Carmack – POTA Patch for January 2022
 - Will Ewing – Keeper of The Wings – Youngest Member – Plate and Braids

President's Report – Greg Johnson

- We will continue to have training at club meetings.
- The website is improving daily. Our Website team is:
 - Larry Dale, Joshua Carmack and Chad Collins
- Our Officer Team will discuss planning and present them to the club for decisions and voting.
 - Priority is to finish work on repeater, antennas and shack on Bays Mountain.
 - WiresX, 440 repeater, Echolink backup, raise transmitters for senior alert.
 - 1-12-2022 Team will be assessing the Repeater site for a more extensive list of needs
- For the next two meetings, we will be fund raising for the new 440 repeater.
 - Yaesu DR2X – February sale for \$700
 - We will sell our old repeater for \$300
 - Club will pay for this; donations will help restore club funds
 - **MOTION** to purchase a new 440 repeater **CARRIED**

Secretary's Report – Mary Ellen Broome

- If you are not receiving the minutes, please verify your email address with Neil.



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Vice President's Report – Ken Morris

- Jr. AF ROTC
 - We have 3 new club members via this program
 - ROTC Annual Bulldog Challenge 4/23/2022
 - KARC has an opportunity to supply radios support and run a Special Event Station
 - We can have a table with our banner and use our club call sign
 - **ACTION ITEM** Rick Johnson – look into getting the Special Event set up
 - If this is a “go”, we will need volunteers to supply radio support and man the station.
- IF YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER, SEE KEN MORRIS**

Treasurer's Report – Neil Weber

- We have 50 paid members
- Current balances reported.
- The Form 1023EZ (for our 501 (C) 3 has been filed
 - Expenditure of \$275.00
- Winter Field Day reports have been filed
 - We made 380 contacts
- 2022 Summer Field Day
 - We will be at Warrior's Path
 - We hope to display banners and have a membership drive

Repeater Report – Ken Klotz

- Saturday – 2-12 Repeater Assessment; Meet at Café 93 at 1000
- Work on the repeater site will begin in March

Q & A

- **Possibility of Lifetime Club Membership**
 - Bristol has a plan we can look at as an outline
 - **ACTION ITEM** – George DeVault will Get the Bristol info to Club officers for review
- THANK YOU** to all who helped make Winter Field Day happen!
- **Carl Dewitt is hosting a Technician class at his church in Johnson City.**
 - Ken Morris provided materials
 - Neil Weber will provide VE's and Official paperwork
- **Report on SOTA event on 2/5/2022**
 - Made 40 contacts; Brody had the farthest contact in France.
 - Things we learned: don't carry a heavy pack; check topography-elevation and weather; dress accordingly, and carry food accordingly – we were happy to have warm Mountain House meals (civilian MRE's) on that cold morning

No Old Business