



Richmond County Amateur Radio Club

August 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

The President, Mark Dawkins KJ4IKQ, called the meeting to order. There were 13 members in attendance. The Secretary read the minutes of the June 11, 2016 meeting. There were no corrections to the minutes. The Secretary reported there was a balance of \$1477.38 in the BBT checking account as of 8/12/16.

The President welcomed two new members to the club: Max Kearns N4CGC and his daughter Erin Kearns KJ4UTM who have relocated to Rockingham from Florida. Glad to have them aboard with us.

There was a discussion about the upcoming Seaboard Festival and generally making plans as to displays, banners, and radio equipment.

Butch Parris brought up for discussion about the club awarding a new HT to each new member that obtains a Technician License. HT's can be ordered online for 2 for \$57. Also added to the discussion was to give a new club t-shirt to the New Technician also. A motion authorizing the Sec/Treas. to order the items was made and passed by voice vote.

Mark Dawkins brought up the discussion of tentative plans for the Christmas dinner and two options were discussed: Captain George's, on Broad Street, has a private dining room that can be scheduled and members would be free to order from the menu. Billy Inman also brought up the possible site of The River's Edge in Cheraw. Members agreed to think about plans and bring up the subject at the next meeting in September.

Allan asked that members forward .jpgs of their shacks for posting on our club's ARRL website. Mark mentioned there had been 10 meter FM openings on the Cheraw beacon 145.490 with a tone of 123. Mark also mentioned he would need volunteers in the future to take down and store a tower. Club volunteer help was also offered to Max Kearns to get his antennas up when he is ready. Max also discussed his club in Boca Raton that had 118 members and had their own club shack/60 foot trailer with a tower and a Stepp IR beam for member usage since there were so many HOA antenna restrictions for private residences. He also gave details on his club's "Radiator Grills" where cook outs/hot dogs were given to the general public in order to attract new members to the club. His former club has 118 members.

After a brief discuss with Scott and Butch about posting the Club Meeting Minutes on the website, the meeting was adjourned.

Allan Brown / W4EAB
Secretary / Treasurer