



## Richmond County Amateur Radio Club

### March 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

The President, Mark Dawkins KJ4IKQ, called the meeting to order. There were 9 members and one guest, Billy Inman, in attendance. The Secretary read the minutes of the February 13, 2016 meeting. There were no corrections to the January minutes.

Prior to the meeting members of the club ate at the E. Rockingham Methodist Church pancake breakfast wearing club apparel to publicize the club. Attending were Butch Paris, Pete and Barbara Britt, James Bullard, Ben Setzer, Mike Poplin, Dave Arner, and Allan Brown. Thanks to Mike Poplin for notifying the club about the breakfast.

Allan reported that 49 postcards had been mailed to hams within Richmond County. None had been returned and no response had been received from any of the recipients. He also stated that dues are due starting this month.

Mark Dawkins recognized Billy Inman as a guest and Billy stated that he wanted to study and get his license and hopefully build his own equipment. Several of the members offer advice and encouragement. (BTW - Welcome Billy as our newest member. He joined the club at the end of the meeting.)

Both Ben Setzer and Mike Poplin stated they had been unable to contact Gary Green about (1) reserving space #41 for next year's Seaboard Festival and (2) obtaining information on Train Day. Mike and Ben agreed among themselves that Ben would continue to try to contact Gary and obtain info on both events.

It was also reported that there were two applicants for testing at the March 5 W4VEC test session and both are still studying and making plans to retake the Technician exam in June.

To clarify the shirt ordering process from Classic Apparel Butch Parris explained that it would take a minimum order of 7 shirts for screen printing but items to be monogrammed did not require a minimum order.

Mike Poplin asked about the process of applying for a VE certification with W4VEC. He was given the information for applying online for the certification.

A request was made asking how many of the club members are members of ARRL. A show of hands showed the Ben Setzer, Butch Parris, Mark Dawkins, Mike Poplin are members. Also noted that John Eichorn and James Bullard. Dave Arner stated he was not a member but was going to join. When 50% of a club's members are ARRL members then the club and their activities can be listed on the ARRL website. A poll will be conducted to determine how many club members are actually ARRL members.

Mike Poplin complimented Barbara Britt for her handling of the club activities with the Richmond County Journal and getting them published in the local paper. Barbara stated that the RCJ was very accommodating and did not charge us for the published items.

There was a wide ranging varied discussion on the Sky Warn system and how there was basically no low terrain weather radar coverage of Richmond because of the distance to the radar sites.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Allan Brown / W4EAB  
Secretary / Treasurer