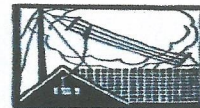


AMATEUR RADIO



Richmond County Amateur Radio Club

February 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

The President, Ben Setzer WA4BCS, called the meeting to order. There were 11 members in attendance. The Secretary read the minutes of the January 14, 2017 minutes. there were no corrections or additions and were adopted as read. BB&T bank balance is \$1421.33.

Old business:

The K4RNC is up and running and members have been sent instructions for user name and password in order to log on and post in the Members section. The site sends out emails of any postings.

Ben asked about the warranty on the new repeater purchased from Scott's brother. Mark Dawkins stated it was a 12 month limited warranty from the date of original purchase.

The subject of purchasing a new controller that would allow transmission of voice recordings and also a courtesy tone was discussed. Cost is \$225 in kit form / \$325 assembled. The rack mount is \$75. Scott Whitaker volunteered to take care of the cost of the interface and software. Butch Parris offered to assemble the kit for the club. A motion to purchase the \$225 kit and \$75 rack mount was made and passed by the members.

Mark Dawkins discussed selling the old CAT 1000 and repeater. Approximate value is \$350. Scott Whitaker and Mark Gibson offered to list the surplus equipment for sale on QTH, Ham and QRZ. A motion was made and passed by the membership.

Scott Whitaker is going to provide equipment details on the new controller and rack to the club Secretary and the Secretary will order online with the club debit card. \$300.

Ben Setzer received a letter from Seaboard Festival asking if we were going to participate in the next festival. Club membership had no interest in participating due to crowded conditions, food vendors, and lack of interest from festival goers.

The Secretary issued check #652 to Scott Whitaker in payment of the new repeater.

Ben received a email from Sandblast asking for volunteers. There was no interest among the membership.

New Business:

Mark Gibson stated that the NC Qso party is asking for participation and log submittals. There was no comments or interest from the membership.

The Secretary announced dues are due March 1st and anyone not paying up would be knee-capped with a ball-peen hammer! :)

Scott promised to display his Chameleon Loop at the next meeting which will be held at the normal time since few of our members are going to the Charlotte HamFest.

Scott's HF email program was discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:05.

Allan Brown / W4EAB
Secretary / Treasurer