Columbia Amateur Radio Club
June 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes

For the third month in a row, our monthly meeting was held online via Zoom. Restrictions are being lifted here in SC, but we opted on the side of caution and continued our meetings online.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Dan Cunningham, K9DBC.

Announcements

There has been a great response to Zoom. There were 31 members checking in tonight.

We have one first new amateur checking in tonight, welcome Andy AD4BZE,

Curtis Lever is continuing his chemotherapy, please keep him in your prayers.

The club presently has 145 members, 18 families and 9 new members.

Our Sunday night 2 Meter Repeater Net report for the month showed that there were 5 sessions held, 188 check ins for an average of 38 per session, and 26 pieces of traffic.

Treasurer Doug White, N4NYK, reported that the club has a balance of $5,087.90.

Steve Nixon KC4UAL, stated that the Thursday, June 4th 360 repeater ARES net will begin at 8 PM and will be combined with a Zoom conference beginning at 8:45 PM. Bill Covey W1GTT will give a Winlink presentation.

Tonight's Program – There will be a three-part presentation on Field Day.

The 1st part of our program this evening was given by Mark Goddard KN4KRZ, who is in charge of the Field Day Planning Group. He did a live demonstration using the log in program, M3FJP that we will be using for field day showing how access the log for record keeping. Mark would like to thank Pete Emmel for all his expertise. Everyone attending Field Day will put the log in program on their own computer the morning of the event. There is no cost to individual using the club call sign. There is a change in the ARRL rules for Field Day this year that will allow those individuals who do not want to go to Sesquicentennial Park, to work from home and have their contacts count for them personally and for the club.

We will have a flexible band schedule plan that complies with the rules. If you don't like the band you're on, see if someone will let you use their band for a while.

There are several roles to fill for field say including band captain(s), safety officer, antenna chair, pio, medical and Technical troubleshooters.

Please check your equipment before Field Day.

Consider working in pairs with one person running the radio and the other doing the logging.

Jim Latham will experiment with a network.

Please take time to familiarize yourself with the Field Day Rules and the rules for the park.

Field Day is not a contest, but an event to socialize, try new equipment, etc.

The 2nd part of the program this evening was a Power Point Presentation demonstration by Pete Emmel on finding .adi files and then exporting them to Pete at pete.emmmel.k4lle@gmail.com who will compile and send the files to ARRL. IF you have any additional questions please email Dan and he will find out the answers to your questions.

The last part of the program was given by Mark Goddard during which he went over the plans for Field Day on June 27the and June 28th. We have reserved 10 RV/Tent sites in upper loop 2, sites 53-79 at Sesquicentennial Park. There will be a meeting at 11:00 AM the morning of Field Day at Dan's site #60 for a socially distant huddle. At that time, the manuals made up by Mike Magnason will be handed out, ((electronic copies will be provided in advance) our category will be finalized, there will be a review of rules and time for questions and answers. Field day will begin at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 27th and run until 2:00 PM on Sunday, June 28th.

At the end of the meeting, Steve Nixon KC4UAL, informed everyone about a group he is putting together to discuss digital modes if there is enough interest. He will set up a Zoom Conference in the next 2 weeks. Anyone that is interest please email Steve at KC4UAL@ARRL.net.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Covey W1GTJ, Secretary