

# Columbia Amateur Radio Club

## November 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

The meeting was convened at 7:03 PM by President Dan Cunningham K9DBC, at the ETV Building, Columbia, SC in a different room than usual and we all had quite a hike to the back of the building for the meeting!

### Announcements

Congratulation to those newly licensed hams, those who have upgraded their licenses and welcome to 1<sup>st</sup> time meeting attendees and new members.

Earl Dean W4ESD, asked for volunteers to march in the Veterans Day Parade in Columbia on Monday Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Please see Earl to volunteer so that he can determine if we have enough people to participate.

Winter Field Day will be January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2020. We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate the event. Please contact Dan if you are willing to help.

Tammy Livingston N4TAL, is looking for volunteers to participate in the Harbison 50K on January 4, 2020. This is an all day, hard core event and has been well attended in past years.

Dan Cunningham K9DBC, announced that CARC was asked to provide communications for the Governor's Cup 5K Race on February 22, 2020. Fifteen volunteers are needed for this event. Please contact Dan to volunteer.

SC QSO party will be held on February 29,2020. Detail to follow.

CARC needs a volunteer to act as Quartermaster for the club taking care of supplies, etc. Please contact President Dan Cunningham K9DBC if you are interested in the position.

Treasurer Doug White, N4NYK, reported that the club has a balance of 3294.95.

The club presently has 141 members and 18 family memberships.

The 2 Meter Repeater Net reported 5 nets, 174 check-ins and an average 34.8 check ins, and 25 announcements.

Net manager Charles McKinnis KU5N, announced the continued suspension of the Wednesday night net until we recruit new net controllers. We presently have 10 and we need 18 to resume the Wednesday night net. We have scripts for the controllers to follow and lots of support, so please consider volunteering to be a net controller so that we can start up the Wednesday night net again.

Gary Anderson K4HGA, remaindered everyone of the Simplex net that is on 146.400 the first Wednesday of every month at 8:30 PM.

On December 2, 2020 we will hold our Holiday Event at the Flight Deck Restaurant in Lexington, SC at 6 PM. All are welcome and we hope to have a large turnout.

The nominating committee for the 2020 officers were of Pete Emmel K4LLE, Jack Younts KM4RCN, and Tammy Livingston N4TAL. Ballots for voting for the 2020 election of new officers were passed out. To

be eligible to be an officer, one must have been a member of the club for one year and only one member from each family can serve as an officer. Jean Covey was nominated from the floor for secretary but was not eligible as she was 6 days shy of being a member of a year. A motion was made and voted upon to put Jean on the ballot. Members then voted on a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Trustee, and 2 Directors.

During the counting of the ballots, we were treated to a cake to celebrate the birthdays of Tammy Livingston and Katy McKinnis and it was noted that Mike Magnuson also has a birthday coming up, so he was added to the celebration.

### Program

Our program this evening is a game of show and tell entitled Whatzat? & Whizbang! For Whatzat? Member were asked to bring the most unusual radio-related item in their shack that most others will not know what it is. For Whizbang! we were asked to bring the most useful, helpful or high-tech item in your shack so that everyone who sees it will want one. Many members set up their items around the perimeter of the room and everyone went around and looked at all the items. This was an excellent display of all kinds of radio gear and we all laughed and learned a lot from our fellow ham radio operators.

The results of the election were announced and the following were elected for 2020.

President - Dan Cunningham

Vice President – Jay Leeper

Treasurer – Doug White

Secretary – Jean Covey

Trustee – Ron Livingston

Director - Mark Goddard

Director- Mike Magnuson

### General Information

An email will be sent to each member with a questioner about participation in ARES. Please answer the questions and return the email so that we can be better prepared for emergencies.

There was a general conversation at the end of the meeting about the future of Amateur Radio and the challenges we face. Please consider joining ARRL to help continue to fight for the future Amateur Radio.

The December meeting will be our Holiday event at 6 PM on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Flight Deck Restaurant located at 109 Old Chapin Road at the intersection of Columbia Avenue/HWY378 and West Main Street/HWY1 in Lexington.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Covey W1GTJ, Secretary