

Columbia Amateur Radio Club

February 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was convened at 7:00 PM by Vice-President Jay Leeper, at the ETV Building, Columbia, SC.

We have presenters this evening that have traveled some distance so the meeting will be rearranged so that the programs will be at the beginning of the meeting followed by the business meeting,

Programs

Our 1st presentation this evening was given by Kevan Nolan on Baluns and Ferrite.

Due to some technical difficulties causing a break in the action, Tammy Livingston jumped in and gave an update on South Carolina's QSO party on February 29th. We need to activate as many counties as possible. Please sign up after the meeting on the map if you are participating.

After some help from our club members, the technical difficulties were straightened out and the presentation continued until 7:50 PM. A lot of great information was disseminated, and we thank Kevan for his presentation

Our second presentation was given by Jim Lathan W4JLP, on the Governor's Cup Race on February 22, 2020. They are looking for amateur radio operators to provide communication support for the race. The volunteer form is on our club website.

Four volunteers have signed up so far and they need at least 4 more so that 8 stations manned with ham radio operators can be set up.

The half marathon is from 8 AM to noon. A 2-meter handheld radio is all that is needed.

Volunteers will meet at the Wells Fargo Building at 7:15 for instructions. Please be in assigned position by 7:45, and the half marathon will begin at 8:00 AM.

Volunteers will relay when the 400 or so runners come through their station and are the eyes and ears of the race.

There will be sweeps available to pick up any runners who cannot complete the course and medical assistance will also be available.

There will be a SAG following the last runners and when they pass each station and the race information is transmitted by the station; the volunteers are released.

Tammy Livingston mentioned that Lexington Medical Center does an excellent job of organizing this event and you won't be disappointed if you volunteer.

Sign up can be completed on the home page of our club's website at <http://w4cae.com/>

For additional information contact Jim Lathan at jim.lathan@gmail.com or at 803-669-6131.

Lexington Medical website at <http://governorscupsc.org/>

Thank you very much Jim for your presentation.

The Business Meeting began at 8:15PM

Announcements

Congratulations to newly licensed hams, those who have upgraded their licenses. The next testing session will be held from March 16 to 20 and the test will be given on March 21st.

Charles McKinnis gave the 2 Meter Repeater Net report. There were 4 nets with 128 check-ins, 18 announcements, with an average of 35 check-ins last month.

The club presently has 141 members. There were 2 new members, 2 new associates and 1 new family membership the past month.

Treasurer Doug White, N4NYK, reported that the club has a balance of \$5,200.64. Income for the past month was \$2,695.40 and our expenses were \$922.65.

In March 2020, a Skype with Bob Heil will be our presentation.

Events - Go to W4CAE.com for details on upcoming events.

The SC QSO party will be held on February 29, 2020.

Hamfests

02/07/2020 – 02/09/2020 – Orlando Florida Hamcation.

04/25/2020 – MS Walk – Volunteers needed.

5/15/2020 – 5/17/2020 – Dayton Ohio Radio Club Hamfest at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Xenia, OH.

MS Volunteer Walk April 25, 2020.

New Business

Tammy Livingston reported that ideas are needed for a location for summer field day. A number of suggestions were made and are going to be pursued in the near future.

Earl Dean is looking for old QSL cards for a handwriting analysis project.

Mark Goddard announced that there is a box of free equipment of the front table that anyone can take what they want.

We are in a newly renovated room at ETV and we need to remember to clean up after ourselves.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Covey W1GTJ, Secretary