

Columbia Amateur Radio Club

May 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Due to the continuation of Corona Virus, our monthly meeting was held online though Zoom so that our members could participate from the comfort of their own homes.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by President Dan Cunningham, K9DBC.

Announcements

There has been a great response to Zoom. We have 40 members joining us tonight.

We have two first time check-ins tonight – Bruce and Horace and this is Hardy's first time at a meeting.

We would like to congratulate Sharon McDonald who just got her license and Kenneth got his extra.

Good thoughts and prayers for Curtis Lever who is undergoing treatment.

The club presently has 136 members and 18 families.

Our Sunday night 2 Meter Repeater Net report for the month showed that there were 4 nets with 194 check-ins for an average of 48.5 per session, 34 pieces of traffic, and 16 announcements.

Treasurer Doug White, N4NYK, reported that the club has a balance of \$5,482.92.

Summer Field Day will be held on June 27th and 28th this year at Sesquicentennial Park. Payment for campsites can be made by check to our PO Box or by PayPal to the Club. The rate is \$64.96 for two nights.

Programs - We had 2 presentations tonight.

Our 1st presentation this evening was given by Ryan Headley W4EAE, who demonstrated how Fusion works. Clark Frady K4HI, worked replacing the 2 meter side of the K4HI repeater at 147.36 with a new Yaesu Fusion. Thanks to all who have donated to the project. Ryan is the brain of the project and Greg was instrumental in getting the equipment. They thanked the club for the opportunity to explain this to the club and urged everyone to try using the repeater as you can't break it, so go and explore and enjoy!

Our 2nd program this evening was a Power Point Presentation about digital voice for American Radio given by Jim Latham W4JLP. He is affiliated with a group called DiGiNerds International. This is more complicated but more far reaching than Fusion. Using this technology, one can link radios transmitting from around the world to bring people from all countries together as seen recently on our local Sunday night nets.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM by President Dan Cunningham who asked if anyone needed and help during these trying times and said that he is very impressed with the participation for this Zoom meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Covey W1GTJ, Secretary