

Columbia Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of Board Meeting

Wednesday September 2, 2020

A board of directors meeting was held via Zoom. It was called to order by President Dan Cunningham at 7:01 PM.

Earl Dean has purchased a 14' cargo trailer that he is planning on making into a Communications Trailer with the help of members of CARC. It will have HF, VHF, UHF, Marine, CB TV and weather station capabilities. Earl is funding the project himself and will make it available for the club to use for events with certain restrictions. It is parked at Mike Magnuson's home where he has room to park it in a fence in area and have the use of his workshop. The sub flooring is finished being installed. Steve Nixon is doing the cabinetry.

The club is in very good shape financially with a balance of \$5,393.00. There was a discussion of possibly funding scholarships if, and when, the new FCC proposals do go into effect. Everyone agreed that these fees could negatively effect the future of Amateur Radio.

Curtis Lever passed away recently and the club sent flowers. Mike Weiber attended the funeral which was quite impressive.

Fall Events were discussed. The presentation for the September meeting will be given by the Lexington County Sheriff's Department and will be about gun safety.

The major topic of discussion for this evenings meeting was the election of officers for next year. The goal for next year is to try to divide the work among new people to lighten the load on the officers in 2021. A discussion was held of how we can solicit new candidates and how we should vote this fall. Amanda McKinnie, Bill Minikiewicz, and Jeremy Wertz have expressed an interest in taking on a leadership role. After much discussion, the following format was voted on and will be presented to the membership for a vote of approval at the September meeting.

1. The election / counting of ballots will be completed by the November meeting.
2. On September 14, a MailChimp email will be sent to all club members, soliciting nominations for the open positions.
3. Nominations are to be mailed to Jean Covey within two days of the request, that is, by September 17.
4. The nominations will be screened by Tammy Livingston and others as assigned to verify their eligibility to serve.
5. Qualifying nominees will be contacted by email to confirm their willingness to serve. Their replies will be due within two days of receipt of that email.
6. An email will be sent to all our members for them review the candidates. They will vote by forwarding that email with their preferences to Jean Covey.
7. Jean Covey and at least one other officer will count the ballots. Those who have been elected will be contacted by phone. Those who ran but were not elected will be phoned as well.
8. The newly elected officers will be announced at the November meeting.
9. There will be a board meeting in November to discuss plans for the new year and other issues

Jay Leiper announced that the boy scouts of America will be having an event at Camp Baston on January 16, 17, and 18, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Covey W1GTJ, Secretary