

Columbia Amateur Radio Club

October 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes

This evenings meeting is a Webinar hosted by the National Weather Service, Columbia, SC

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

Announcements

The response to our Zoom meetings continues to be very positive. 39 members checked in, one for the 1st time.

The club presently has 134 members, 15 family memberships.

We had one new operator join us this evening, Carl Sims KN4HKN

Our Sunday night 2 Meter Repeater Net report for the month showed that there were 4 sessions held, 118 check ins for an average of 29.5 and 23 pieces of traffic.

Treasurer Doug White, N4NYK, reported that the club has a balance of \$5,557.75

We received a card from Libby Lever acknowledging the flowers the club sent for Curtis' funeral.

It's that time of year again to elect officers for 2021. Ballots will be sent out to each member via MailChimp and should be returned to jwcovey@aol.com by October 19th.

The slate of officers is:

President

Dan Cunningham

Vice President

Jeremy Wirtz

Jim Lathan

Secretary

Jean Covey

Treasurer

Amanda McKinnis

Directors – There are 2 directors positions open for next year. The candidates are:

Pete Emmel

Bill Minikiewicz

Gary Anderson

Bob Smith II

Earl Dean updated the progress of the communications trailer. It is being worked on at Mike Magnuson's home and volunteers are there most weekends. Earl is financing the project, Mike Magnuson is the project manager, and a big thank you goes to Steve Nixon for making the cabinetry. The trailer will have TV's, monitors, radios, solar panels, and batteries, as well as AC!! Earl would like to invite everyone to stop by and see the trailer, but suggests that you contact him first to see when they will be working on it.

The program for our November meeting will be Propagation – Sun Data.

Sadly, we will not be having our Christmas Party at the Flight Deck Restaurant because of Covid 19.
However, Dan and Earl are working on something to replace it!!!

Ronnie Livingston had surgery and is doing well.

Our presentation this evening is being given by The National Weather Service's Chris Landolfi who was standing in for Doug Anderson who usually does this program. The topic of the presentation is Radar Interpretation for SKYWARN Spotters. Chris did a very in-depth speech on the topic with an informative video. You can go to the National Weather Service Website at www.weather.gov and pull up the section on Radar and the many programs and products that are available for free. The SKYWARN Spotter program information is also available. Thank you, Chris, for your very informative program.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Covey W1GTJ, Secretary