

Columbia Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting

February 10, 2021

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:06 by President Dan Cunningham. The following officers were in attendance:

President	Dan Cunningham, K9DBC
Vice President	Jim Lathan, W4JLP
Trustee	Ronnie Livingston, W4RWL
Past President	Earl Dean, W4ESD
Secretary	Jean Covey, W1GTJ
Treasurer	Amanda McKinnis, K4ASM
Director 2020-21	Michael Magnuson, N7ETA
Director 2020-21	Mark Goddard, KN4KRZ
Director 2021-22	Gary Anderson, K4HGA
Director 2021-22	Pete Emmel, K4LLE

Topics for discussion:

Winter Field Day was held at Wateree State Park on January 30th and 31st. Dan commented that there were a lot of people in attendance, there was a nice set up with the trailer there, and the event was a success. Mike added that they found some issues with the trailer that they can now address, although the trailer performed really well. The trailer is now at Jim Lathan's for some trouble shooting. Jim feels that WFD was a learning experience and it was great to get together again with other fellow members of CARC. A lot of different antennas were set up and a great audience of folks came by. Mike said that he fielded a lot of

questions from some very interested visitors. Jim and Ted made some great food, and everyone was impressed with the site.

For ARRL Field Day the club has reserved the best sites available at Wateree State Park. If necessary, all or some of these reservations can be cancelled prior to the event. Jim Lathan has paid for the reservations, and the club will reimburse him. Those who use the sites will then pay the club for the rental fee. Jim noted that we will be in the brand-new campsites at Taylor Creek where there are trees around the perimeter and great for antennas. This is a full-service campground. Sesquicentennial Park is closed for renovations. Ronnie made a motion that the club pay for the trailer site for 3 nights, and it was approved.

The next item on our agenda was the 2 meter Simplex Net which received a lot of discussion. Mark commented that we tried before to form such a net, but it struggled. He would like to try again, because when all else fails, simplex is the only means of communication. The club sent out a survey in January and received 23 responses from members who are interested in the net. The first meeting of this Exploratory group will be on 2/11/21. They will take 3 weeks to explore and then report back to the board. Steve commented that such a net would help the Richland County ARES group. Tonight, Mark would like the support of the club and settle on a name for the group. To get people interested and talking about the net, a presentation could be made at a club meeting and information will be on the website. Pete sees the net as a club asset and wants to see CARC in the name. Jim commented that they are planning a simplex net in connections with a Zoom meeting. A lot of discussion on the name of the group ensued. Jean made a motion that the net be called the Central South Carolina CARC Simplex Net, Amanda seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

Next, the board discussed the South Carolina QSO Party which will be held on February 27th and 28th. Dave Edmonds has offered to coordinate the event for CARC. Dan made a motion that we approve \$250 to support the party, Mike seconded the motion, and it was passed. The SC QSO Party contesting authority (Dave Edmonds) has been looking for some administrative assistance. Pete volunteered to help them anyway he could. The club membership will be contacted and will be looking for two to four members who are interested in contesting to operate as W4CAE this year.

Dan and Earl will run lead on the Bomb Island Event scheduled for April 18th. And It was suggested that we develop Guidelines for use of the trailer.

Announcements:

The club's checking account has been move from Wells Fargo Bank to First Citizens Bank.

The presentation for our March meeting will be on Spy Radios.

In April we will hear all about the History of Bomb Island.

In May, Jim Lathan will do a presentation on the Use of Internet Tools for studying propagation.

Dan would like to be able to share our Zoom Meeting Presentations with other Radio Clubs. We need to have an OK from the presenters do share their presentation, and Dan will look into that.

Earl suggested taking the trailer to the lower counties to transmit from there for the SCQSO Party. There is a park where 3 southern counties come together that would be good. Jim liked the idea of using the trailer, and this will be discussed further. Earl is also planning on taking the trailed to the Lake Murry Boat ramp parking lot for the Bomb Island Event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Jean Covey W1GTT