

Columbia Amateur Radio Club

September 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Dan Cunningham, K9DBC.

Business

This will be the last Zoom meeting. On October 4th we will meet at the ETV building and we are going to explore having that meeting on Zoom also. Masks are welcome.

We had 23 members joining us tonight.

We do not have any first-time check-ins or upgrades this evening, but John K04OOY will be taking his General test this Saturday.

The club presently has 141 members and 14 families. We have one new member, Charlie Brown.

Our Sunday night 2 Meter Repeater Net report for the month showed that there were 4 nets with 138 check-ins and 29 pieces of traffic. The Simplex net had 33 participants over 2 sessions.

Treasurer Amanda McKinnis, reported that the club has a balance of \$7,036.71

We will be holding elections for officers for 2022 this fall. Dan Cunningham has given the club 5 years as president and he will not be seeking re-election. If you have any candidates in mind, please let us know.

Announcements

The 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month we have a Simplex net on frequency 146.400.

We are looking into places and caterers for the Christmas Party on Dec. 6th. The Bothur family was nominated to sign Christmas carols. More information will be forth coming.

Jeremy Wentz announced that next week, training will be held with the test being on that Saturday. Go to SHeart.org for more information.

There will be a Hamfest in Rock Hill on October 2nd.

Program

Marc Tarpley, ARRL Section Leaders for SC gave a presentation this evening. He will try to connect to our Simplex Net and he needs a traffic manager for the state if anyone is interested. Tonight's presentation was about other things you can do with WSJT-X. The other things that you can do with WSJT-X such as FST4, FT4, JT4, JT9, JT65, Q65, MSK144, FTS4W, WSPR, ECHO, and frequency calculations were all discussed.

The presentation was followed by questions and answers. One question from Dan Cunningham was are there any changes coming up that will directly affect us? Marc commented that there are no huge threats in the future, but we are continuously losing band width. HF allocations are OK, but DHF and UHF bands have a lot of interest in them.

Amateur Radio Operators are exempt from the Distracted Driving Law in SC.
RF exposure safety issues are still of concern.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jean Covey W1GTJ, Secretary