

Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday January 11 2024

Minutes

The Station, Stanardsville @ 5:30PM

- 1) Winter Field Day Jan 28, 2024 Bill, K4FZE & Larry, K4LRM. The Antenna setups will be on Friday, 1/26/24 at the Steo farm barn. We will be operating on Battery power. The club will participate in WFD on Sunday 1/28/24.

- 2) Logo options Allen Graves AG4VA.
 - A. Allen presented various samples of logos for discussion along with explaining the possible use of the “Logomyway” website.
 - B. The BOD picked two samples that will be presented to the membership at the February meeting for a final decision.
 - C. Allan, WA3WCO will check with Rodney at Shirley’s embroidery shop to determine if the two logos meet his parameters for making patches.

3. Club’s incorporation & 501(c) (3). What is the next step? --- Jen, KN4UEJ. The topic was tabled until Jennifer, KN4UEJ returns home.

4. Club’s Risk management and insurance. --- Jim, KQ4AVP. The topic was tabled until Jennifer, KN4UEJ returns home.

5. VE Testing report--- Jeff, N4XI, Larry, K4LRM & Jim, WA4TVN. VE testing, a Thawfest meeting and a presentation by Allen, AV4VA about the Virginia QSO party will be held at the Station on Sat. 13, 2024.

6. Thawfest update --- A meeting of the committee will be announced. A Thawfest meeting will be held after the VE testing session. Tim, KM4YRX will contact Carter about making the Thawfest Flyer.

7. Suggestion from Alan, K9MBQ to be considered -- informal Saturday gatherings at a local coffee house, McDonalds, or Bagel place so members who could not attend weekday meetings could get together w/ other members. Alan, K9MBQ will be asked to lead the informal gatherings.

7A. Larry will check with the Blue Ridge Café to determine if another night is better than Thursdays for the club meeting.

8. Suggestion from Mike, KQ9P to be considered, shorter business meeting. Larry will ask Mike, KQ9P if he would like to be presentation coordinator for three months.

9. Are there any members who need help with establishing their shack? Allan, WA3WCO is awaiting word from Mariel, N4LST to help her with the construction of her antenna setup.

- 10) Do we want to do a club 50/50 auction at future meetings?
If yes, how often? Yes. Frequency was not determined.

Other –

---- Larry, K4LRM and Jim, KQ4AVP conferred and determined that the club would keep State Farm as the insurance company of choice as they have the fairest offering. No opposition expressed by the BOD.

---- Tim, KM4YRX would like to do a presentation for non-Hams to any group on the use of GMRS radios to help them make the transition to Amateur Radio.

---- It should be emphasized to the membership that the club is a “Nonpolitical” group and political discussions are to be carried on outside of the meeting venue.

Possible meeting change to earlier in the week. We have had a few issues as the Blue Ridge Café grows. We can't blame Shawn (Sean) for wanting to grow.

Since it will be difficult to find a new location to accommodate our current size, I propose we discuss a different day of the week with Shawn. In the past, Monday's have been slow at BRC as it is with many restaurants. Should this be acceptable to Shawn, we could then propose this to the membership.

Future

Revamp election dates and office switch times

Present at Meeting:

Larry Mezzoni K4LRM, President

Tim Stevens KM4YRX, Vice President

Stan Schulman K4SHS, Treasurer

Jeff Shifflet N4XI, Board Member at Large

Allen Graves AG4VA

Allan Nathanson WA3WCO

Steve Bowman KN4AOB