

Greene County Virginia Amateur Radio Club

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting **MINUTES**

March 14, 2024



*The Stanardsville Station
Meeting Commenced 6:00 PM*

Meeting Attendance:

President:	Larry Mezzoni, K4LRM	Present
Vice President:	Tim Stevens KM4YRX	Present
Treasurer:	Stan Schulman K4SHS	Absent
Secretary:	Jennifer Loder KN4UEJ	Present
Board Member at Large:	Jeff Shifflett, N4XI	Absent
Board Member at Large:	Bobby Shiflett, KZ4RTS	Absent
Board Member at Large:	Bill Steo, K4FZE	Present
Club Member:	Jim Loder, KQ4AVP	Present

1) Review of the Mar. 7 meeting. What was good, what still needs attention.

**Presentation on 3D printing was very good*

**K4FZE Bill/KQ4AVP Jim: to streamline member meetings, will need to change bylaws to allow Board to either vote on member meeting minutes or to use consent agenda*

2) Logo options Allen Graves AG4VA. This will be tabled until after Thawfest.

3) Club's incorporation & 501© (3). What is the next step? --- Jen, KN4UEJ.

**Per a note from K4SHS Stan, the IRS has the application for 501(c)3 and it is waiting to be assigned to personnel for reviewing it*

4) VE Testing report--- Jeff, N4XI, Larry, K4LRM

**K4LRM Larry: club webpage for testing info has been undated to reflect that anyone coming to test must have their FRN before testing*

5) Thawfest update --- Meeting completed March 9th

**Next meeting will be March 23, 2024, via Zoom*

**Someone from Thawfest committee needs to contact the individual who mailed in a check for a ticket for entry assuming it would be used for the drawing*

**K4LRM Larry will contact Gibson rental company about procedures for loading/unloading tables/chairs at their facility; Cooper and Carter may be*

able assist with unloading at Ruckersville Elementary School on the Friday prior to Thawfest; need more people to assist

**KFZE Bill ordered 100 pens for \$49*

**KQ4AVP ordered counting clickers and hand stamps.*

- 6) 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.

**On hold until after Thawfest*

**K4LRM will organize the first gathering*

- 7) Are there any members who need help with establishing their shack?

**KM4CCV Del's equipment will be reviewed by AG4VA Allen, K4LRM Larry and WA4TVN Jim*

- 8) Do we want to do a club 50/50 auction at future meetings?

If yes, how often? *How about resuming auctions after Thawfest.*

- 8) Summer field day, Bill K4FZE and Steve KN4AOB will take the lead along with ARES/CERT. What help do you need?

**K4FZE: will have assignments and plan by April or May member meeting*

**need to check out where to set up antenna*

Other

- ~~• 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.~~

- o Karaoke to be permanently moved to the front porch soon, no need for us to change.*

- *KQ4AVP Jim inquired if the club's radios in storage might be used in the local ARES kits, stored in the homes of club members who are part of ARES, and remain available for use by members on as needed basis as before.*

- o Text of request:*

The Greene County ARES team has determined that it is in its best interests to build a "go box" which would consist of various radios and equipment that could be deployed by ARES. Jim Loder (KQ4AVP) and Jennifer (KN4UEJ) have already procured some equipment for this effort and other members are offering their resources as well.

Since GCVARC has two HF radios in its inventory, ARES feels that it would be a good idea to put one or both of them to good use in such a

configuration. The go-box containing any such radios would be housed at the Loder's residence unless they are out of town at which time Steve Bowman (KN4AOB) would be the custodian. In the event the club needs the radios for its own purposes (i.e. field day, or similar deployment) they would be readily available. This request fits in nicely under the MOU signed by between GCVARC and GC ARES.

As such I ask the board for its approval of this request.

*Regards,
Jim Loder
KQ4AVP*

- *After discussion, the request was rescinded and it was decided the best course of action is for ARES to develop and present to the club a wish list for the ARES emergency deployment communication kits.*

Future

Revamp election; Dates and office switch times to be reviewed.

Bylaws change special event spending

Repeater BridgeCom possible use at Sherifs office

Involvement; **One officer and one volunteer to head up each upcoming event.** Summer field day, Christmas party, ect.

Meeting adjourned 7:05pm