

# Greene County Virginia Amateur Radio Club

## Board Meeting *MINUTES*

Thursday February 8, 2024

The Station, Stanardsville @ 5:30PM

*Meeting started 5:37pm*

Meeting Attendance:

*Larry Mezzoni K4LRM, President  
Tim Stevens KM4YRX, Vice President  
Stan Schulman K4SHS, Treasurer  
Jennifer Loder KN4UEJ, Secretary  
Jeff Shifflett N4XI, Board Member At Large  
Bobby Shifflett KZ4RTS, Board Member At Large  
Bill Steo K4FZE, Board Member At Large  
Jim Loder KQ4AVP*

1) Review of the Feb 1 member meeting. What was good, what still needs attention.

*KM4YRX Tim Stevens:*

*\*engage existing members*

*\*SWR Presentation requests*

*\*Digital modes for classroom (FT8, etc)*

*\*Basic Shack set up & grounding, with site visits as requested*

*K4LRM Larry:*

*\*determine if topic requested is best suited for presentation or classroom setting*

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

*\*K4LRM Larry to email to BOD a logo that KZ4RTS Bobby has come across*

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

*K4SHS Stan:*

*\*application for soliciting funds in VA was sent back because organization does not meet the monetary threshold as yet*

*\*501(c)(3) application is not yet in review stage*

4) Club's Risk management and insurance. --- Jim, KQ4AVP6

*\*Summarized that after review of equipment and policies, State Farm was the best deal. Equipment is now properly insured.*

*\*mailing address for State Farm will be changed from K4FZE Bill to N4XI Jeff*

- \*will email to Board Responsibilities and Risk of Non-Profit Board Members, highlights:
  - do what is in best interest of club
  - no personal gain*
- \*as a non—profit, the Club now reports to the IRS, VA State Revenue and VA State Corporation Commission*
- \*Donations/Purchases need to be approved by the Board, and receipt given for approved donations*
- \*How is 50/50 tracked*

5) VE Testing report--- Jeff, N4XI, Larry, K4LRM & Jim, WA4TVN.

*K4LRM Larry: Cannot have meetings at same time as testing, it was too busy last time*

6) Thawfest update --- A meeting of the committee will be announced.

Meeting will be Feb. 10 right after QSO meeting at the station.

*\*K4FZE Bill: Ruckersville Elementary School site visit will be Monday, February 12, at 3:30pm*

*\*KQ4AVP Jim: will be managing Thawfest 2024 Master Plan with K4LRM Larry and updating every Sunday evening*

*\*K4LRM Larry: Club will be picking up the tables and chairs. KQ4AVP Jim/KN4UEJ Jennifer (primary) KZ4RTS Bobby (back-up) to provide truck/trailer for transport (pick up on day prior to Thawfest). Will find out how late Gibson Rental is open on the day of Thawfest as hope to return that day  
Note: Board members present approve of K4LRM Larry to pay funds to Gibson Rentals if they request rental funds when he talks to them*

*\*KM4YRX Tim: Google Drive for documents, will work with K4SHS to lock down some documents; same as last year this time in regard to tables sold (16) and sponsors; will update flyer that can printed and taken with to Page County HamFest; will contact Kevin at Central Battery for sponsor request;*

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.

*\*K4LRM Larry suggested that meetings be organized by a different person each time and change locations to accommodate different areas where our members reside.*

~~8) Suggestion from Mike, KQ9P to be considered; shorter business meeting~~

~~This is now part of item 1 on this agenda.~~

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

*WA4TVN Jim and Sid WA4MBS have made a site visit to KM4CCV Del's house to help identify and correct some issues there, ongoing*

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

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

11) Summer field day, who on the board will take the lead?

*K4FZE Bill:*

*\*KN4AOB Steve will contact Alan Yost re: parking CERT trailer at the Greene County Visitor Center*

*\*suggests make it a real contesting Field Day, even it not for 24 hours: will need transmitter and logger, an observers will need to be quiet; this is a way to show how it is traditionally done; Club has lifetime package for logging program*

Other –

12) 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.

Elizabeth offered 2 options; Monday or Wednesday evenings

*\*if change day of week, Board suggested 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every Month*

13) KN4UEJ Jennifer:

*\*will update ARRL and QRZ (officers and member listings)*

*\*inquired if SERA membership 2024 dues have been paid – have not and Board approves the Treasurer to make payment*

*\*Requested Board approval of January 11, 2024 Board Minutes: KZ4RTS Bobby moved to accept, K4FZE seconded, Board members present voted yes, none against, motion to approved the minutes was passed*

14) QSO March 16:

*\*Radio Club and ARES plan to operate out of CERT Trailer at Greene County Farmer's Market: should have Club membership applications on hand*

*\*3 locations where Club members can operate from if needed: WA4TVN Jim, K9MBQ Alan, CERT Trailer at Greene County Farmer's Market*

15) K4LRM Larry:

*\*Name Tags: will send out email to club inquiring who needs name tags and what they want printed on it; KZ4RTS Bobby will check out more local options*

*\*Website package will be upgraded after Thawfest which will provide additional data space*

## **Future**

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

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

*K4FZE Motioned for meeting to be adjourned. KM4YRX Tim seconded. Board members present voted yes, none against. Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 7:22 pm.*