

W4CA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

January 10, 2025

Call to order 7:00

Recite Pledge

Moment of silence for our Silent Keys and other needs

Member Introductions present and zoom.

Minutes of last meeting are on website approved as published.

Treasurers' report:

Presented by Doug K.(N4MGW) Doug presented both November and December reports. There was no discussion, Motion made to approve Approved

Committee Reports

Education-None

Membership-none

Activities Regis stated that there would be no program meeting this month as the Winter Field Day would be that week end. Ben Madison ask that we reinstate a picnic at Green Hill park and Regis suggested he bring it to the Activities committee. Gary came in and told us that he suggested Ben bring it to the group. Activities Committee will take it up in their planning.

Hamfest - none

Tom Wilcox asked to talk about the ARES . Since we have no EC for Roanoke he is taking a lead to called the monthly ARES net on the 17th at 7pm on the 146.745 repeater and then move to simplex 146.580. He also is holding a meeting on the 18th at the Red Cross at 2pm to try to organize a group of Area hams.

Old Business

Winter Field Day is in two weeks. Regis has been talking with area hams and has 3 to 4 trailers and about 8 to 10 operators for the event. He is holding a Zoom meeting on two consecutive evenings next week for all to check in an participate in the planning. Need a budget approved tonight for funding the event.

Ben W. suggested \$500 but then went to \$600 should we need propane / heaters. Bill W4TIO suggested we use the 5013c to ask for food and other donations, Linda said that many placed require to apply for donations. We agreed we did not have enough time but would look into that. After much discussion the motion passed.

Hamfest: We are in need of a chair for the Hamfest soon after some silence Ben W offered to Co-chair if someone would work with him. Ben Burch agreed to Co-Chair. With that, Marty and Kari volunteered to help as did others. Progress!

New business

Mill Mountain Repeater

Roanoke county hired a Roanoke Communications Manager named Scot Johnson KI4???. Scot and Marty met for coffee and had a good meeting. Scot will get the city to draft a Memo of Understanding between the parties to go forward. Marty says that hams are in the emergency plan for Roanoke City and that they want to get us all together to learn each others capabilities. Marty also shared that he had met with Battalion Chief Trevor Shannon about some ham equipment found in the Blue Hill fire house. Scot has taken that equipment and will get with Marty and possible others to evaluate. Looking to get representatives from Ares, RVARC, Red Cross

and Roanoke City Comm to come together and share info.

No other new business we were reminded of ARES Net on the 17th and ARES meeting on the 18th

Meeting adjourned,