

Western Tidewater Radio Association
Minutes for meeting February 11, 2008

- 1) On Monday, February 11, 2008, the Western Tidewater Radio Association convened for an quarterly club meeting at the Cowlings Restaurant in Smithfield, Virginia.
- 2) Call to order - 6:58 p.m.: Club President, N4KIT (Chris)
- 3) Introductions from all members and guests. Attendance - 25 members and guests
- 4) Announcements
 - a) New Members
 - i) N4XIN - Thomas Blackmon, Jr.
 - ii) N4ZMH – Sarah Blackmon
 - iii) KJ4AHW – Chas Hornbaker
- 5) Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of January 14, 2008 were distributed via email to the club membership prior to the meeting. Motion to approve as presented – W4RBH (Dick); Second by KG4BKI (Fred). Motion passed unanimously.
- 6) Standing committee reports
 - a) Treasurer report: Treasurer, W4RBH (Dick) reported on club membership and club funds in the amount of \$1293 currently in the account. Motion to accept the Treasurers report as presented WA4JUO (Stu); Second by N4JMA (Janet). Motion passed unanimously.
 - b) Repeater report: W4RBH (Dick) reported some water infiltration. Otherwise operating well. Worked well during power outage on 10feb08. W4RBH (Dick) requests distance reports where the repeater can be used. These reports will be included in the newsletter. WTOMM (Tom) now has APRS digipeater.
 - c) ARES Report - KG4BKI (Fred) reports that WTRA now has a GE repeater with duplexer (approximate value - \$11,000) that was donated by the City of Franklin.
 - d) Vice Pres - Jim W4PRO - No Report
- 7) Programs report:
 - a) VE Team - N4KIT (Chris) stated next testing was tentatively scheduled for June 8 at the Bronco Club Hamfest or possibly by the end of March
 - b) Newsletter – W4RRH (Ron) reminded club members that the articles for the newsletter are due by the 20th of each month. He also stated that one of the newsletter articles appeared in the Repeater Journal
- 8) Dates: N4KIT (Chris) mentioned the following upcoming dates:
 - a) VA QSO Party - March 15-16
 - b) Field Day 2008 - June 23-24
 - c) Bronco Club Hamfest - June 8
- 9) Old Business
 - a) Field Day Planning Coordinator is still needed – The May meeting will be devoted to Field Day. The venue is still undecided - N4KIT (Chris) suggested Nike Park.
- 10) New Business
 - a) Shopping for new insurance carrier – Club President, N4KIT (Chris) issued a general call for all members to search for a new insurance policy writer.

- b) Virginia QSO Party - Contest will be held March 15-16. Several ideas for multi-operator operations were discussed. Nothing was decided. The presentation following the business meeting by NQ4K - Gordon Miller of the Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club will be on the Virginia QSO Party.
 - c) Chesapeake Club has Hamfest - WA4JUO (Stu) noted the hamfest on March 6.
 - d) Previous Field Days Attendance - W7PRO (Linda) noted to attendance at previous Field Days has been poor.
- 11) Business concluded – 7:36 p.m.: Motion to adjourn - W4RBH (Dick); Second by WB4GUH (Dean). Motion carried unanimously.
- 12) Program: NQ4K - Gordon Miller, Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club gave a presentation on the Virginia QSO Party to be held on March 15-16.

Respectfully Submitted

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WTRA Secretary