

## Western Tidewater Radio Association Minutes for Meeting - May 11, 2009

1. On Monday, May 11, 2009 the Western Tidewater Radio Association convened for a quarterly club meeting at Cowlings Restaurant in Smithfield, Virginia.
2. The Club President, Chris Peters (N4KIT) called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.
3. There was an introduction of all attending members and guests. There were 33 members and visitors present. Al Casteen, Isle of Wight County Board of Supervisors, was in attendance.
4. Congratulations were presented to Tom Norris for upgrading his amateur license to Extra Class and to Janet Andrews (N4JMA) for upgrading to General.
5. The minutes of the meeting of the February 2009 had been distributed via email to the club membership prior to this meeting. A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes as presented was made by Ken Kaplan (N4IVP) and seconded by Bruce Powell (KE4GFM). The motion passed unanimously.
6. Standing committee reports:
  - a. Treasurer/Membership - W4RBH (Dick) - Dick stated that there is \$1373.78 in the club treasury and there is \$306.83 in the VE Account. Dean Madden (WB4GUH) made a motion to accept the report. Bobbie Pennington (KJ4MHV) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously / We presently have 51 members.
  - b. Repeater - W4RBH (Dick) – Dick stated that some non-members long winded people are causing the repeater to time out. It should be noted that the repeater times out in 3 minutes.
  - c. Vice Pres, - KI4WKT (Lyle) – Lyle was absent. He was at his son's wedding in California.
  - d. VE Team - N4KIT (Chris) – Chris stated that the next VE testing will be at the Bronco Club on June 14.
  - e. Newsletter - N4KIT (Chris) – Chris stated that we need more items for the newsletter. Skywarn spotters and net control operators are needed. WC4R (Joe) advised that the roster on the club webpage was being updated to show the ID numbers of WTRA members that are SKYWARN Trained.
7. Old Business –
  - a. (none)

8. New Business –
  - a. The club repeater WT4RA license is about to expire. Ron Primmar (N4TJI) has submitted the forms for the license renewal.
  - b. Janet Andrews (N4JMA) is putting together a Ham Radio Golf Outing with the Portsmouth Club. She passed out flyers.
  - c. Jim Wise (W4PRO) gave away an old Antenna Book and a couple other books.
  - d. Hope Uzun (KJ4HMX) and Bobby Pennington (KJ4HMY) had a blown up picture of the Boykins Tavern field day area. They need coordinators for picnic and a couple other small jobs.
  - e. Rob Wilson (KJ4HMZ) presented a field day preparation update.
    - 1) The Field Day dates are June 27 & 28 at Boykins Tavern.
    - 2) We will get extra points for being near an EOC.
    - 3) We may need a couple of classes on set-up and take-down and grounding of equipment.
    - 4) We need a leader for meals. (Dick –W4RBH – stated that he has the club's box of plates etc.)
    - 5) Equipment – We have two stations available.
    - 6) Fred (KG4BKI) stated that he has pictures of field day.
    - 7) Electrical power is available at the site.
    - 8) Rob asked for sign-ups. We need help for set-up and take-down. We need to know how many are coming.
    - 9) Bring your own chair and table.
    - 10) We will have an email flyer.
  - f. The club is to do a Public Service Event. Joe Roth (WC4R), made a motion for the club to do the biathlon at Chippokes Plantation In March of next year. The motion was seconded by Bruce Powell (KE4GFM). The motion passed unanimously.
  - h. ARES - Bruce Powell stated that 14 people had registered and 5 people have taken the activation class. We have 3 shelters, 2 EOCs, and an alternate EOC. He encouraged us to take the ICS course. Bruce elaborated on a Chippokes PP and Pine event where we are supposed to help in parking cars. The dates are July 18 & 19. We need to provide 5 people from 9 to 4 (Workers get free admission and a free meal will be provided for 6 hours of work). There will be an email on this.
9. Jack Dragseth (KG4NUH) made a motion to close this part of the meeting and go to the program. Dick Harrell (W4RBH) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Program – We were presented a program “Transition to Digital Television” by John Heimer (W4HRO) of WHRO - TV.

Respectfully Submitted  
Ron Harvey - W4RRH  
WT4RA Secretary