

Western Tidewater Radio Association
Minutes for meeting November 10, 2008

- 1) On Monday, November 10, 2008, the Western Tidewater Radio Association convened for a quarterly club meeting at Cowlings Restaurant in Smithfield, Virginia.
- 2) Call to order - -6:55 p.m.: Club President, N4KIT (Chris)
- 3) Introductions from all. Attendance - 29 members and guests.
- 4) Announcements
 - a) 5 New Members
 - i) KJ4HMU – Bob Lucas
 - ii) KJ4HMV – Bobby Pennington
 - iii) KJ4HMX – Hope Uzun
 - iv) KJ4HMY – Joseph Wilson
 - v) KJ4HMZ – Rob Wilson
 - b) Club Christmas Party – 20Dec08; Villas of Smithfield. Contact N4JMA (Janet) for details.
 - c) Skywarn Training – 13Nov08; 6 pm., Windsor Volunteer Fire Dept.
 - d) Race for Literacy; 1/2 marathon and 5K run – 29Nov08. Contact W4VX for more info
 - e) FrostFest – 7Feb09; Richmond Raceway Complex. More information at www.frostfest.org
 - f) Upcoming Contests
 - (1) ARRL November Phone Sweeps: 15 Nov 2100Z – 17 Nov 0300Z
 - (2) CQ WW CW: 29 Nov 0000Z – 30 Nov 2400Z
 - (3) ARRL 160 Meter: 5 Dec 2200Z – 7 Dec 1600Z
 - (4) ARRL 10 Meter: 13 Dec 0000Z – 14 Dec 2400Z
- 5) KG4BKI (Fred) – General Announcements
 - a) Returning Ham of The Year (HOTY) trophy to club
 - b) Training
 - i) General Class next year – Need to focus on YL success – Maybe YL Tech class
 - ii) Extra Class next year – may be organized as a study group
 - c) Nets on Club repeater (147.195)
 - i) WTRA – Thursday 7:30 pm
 - ii) FARC – Sunday 9:00 pm
 - d) SERA dues to increase 1Jan09
- 6) Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of August 11, 2008 were distributed via email to the club membership prior to the meeting. Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept as presented – W4RBH (Dick); Second by KG4BKI (Fred). Motion passed unanimously.
- 7) Standing committee reports
 - a) Treasurer report: Treasurer, W4RBH (Dick) reported on club membership and club funds. Report was distributed via email to the club membership prior to the meeting. Motion to accept the Treasurers report as presented – WB4GUH (Dean); Second by N4IVP (Ken). Motion passed unanimously.

- b) Repeater report: W4RBH (Dick) reported Power is creeping down. Now about 70 watts.
 - c) Shelter Report: W4RBH (Dick) reported Smithfield HS antenna reinstalled. All shelter antennas now installed.
 - d) Vice Pres - W4PRO (Jim) – Reiterated the need for helping new hams.
 - e) VE Team Report – N4KIT (Chris);
 - i) 7 recent test passes.
 - ii) Quarterly classes/test anticipated for 2009.
 - f) Newsletter – N4KIT (Chris) – November newsletter is now posted on website.
- 8) Old Business
- a) None.
- 9) New Business
- a) SK Policy – N4KIT (Chris) – Flowers were sent for W4RGN (SK) (Jarvis Hearn Sr.). N4KIT Proposed we adopt a policy whereby current club SK's will be maintained on club roll in perpetuity. He also proposed maintaining a short biography of the SK on the website. For former club member SKs, the club will maintain a name list on the website. Motion to adopt as presented – WB4GUH (Dean); Second by N4IVP (Ken). Motion passed unanimously.
 - b) Business for 2009 Annual Business Meeting.
 - i) Club Officer Nominations for 2009 Calendar Year
 - (1) Explanation of Nomination Process
 - (2) Appointments – W4RRH (Ron), N4IVP (Ken), N4JMA (Janet) volunteered for nominating committee
 - (3) Nominations due to Club President by 3Jan09.
 - (4) Nominations presented at the 10Nov08 meeting.
 - (a) President – N4KIT (Chris)
 - (b) Vice-President – None nominated
 - (c) Treasurer – W4RBH (Dick)
 - (d) Secretary – KI4WKT (Lyle)
 - (5) Officer nominations to be voted on at Annual Business Meeting
 - ii) HOTY – to be presented at the Annual Business Meeting
- 10) Business concluded 8:25 p.m. –Motion to adjourn – KG4BKI (Fred); Second by WB4GUH (Dean). Motion carried unanimously.
- 11) Program: W4PRO (Jim) lead a “Name that Part” game. W4RBH (Dick) won with 20 out of 22 parts correctly identified and was presented a manual on how to organize a DXpedition.
- 12) Next Meeting: Annual Business Meeting – 12Jan08. Place and time TBD
- a) Next regular WTRA Club meeting - Scheduled for the second Monday of the second month in the next quarter. February 9, 2008. Place and time TBD

Respectfully Submitted

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WTRA Secretary