

## Western Tidewater Radio Association Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2009

1. On Monday, November 9, 2009, the Western Tidewater Radio Association convened for a quarterly club meeting at Cowlings Restaurant in Smithfield, Virginia.
2. In the absence of the Club President, N4KIT (Chris Peters), KI4WKT (Lyle Hornbaker) called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.
3. There was an introduction of Members and Guests. There were approximately 25 present including one visitor, soon to become a member, W4HRO (John Heimerl).
4. Announcements were as follows:
  - a. SKYWARN Spotter Training in Suffolk – 6 PM on Wednesday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at the Suffolk Fire Station No. 3
  - b. It was stated that the WTRA Net is still at 7:30 PM on Thursday evenings.
  - c. It was agreed that the 2009 WTRA Christmas Party will be December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the Villas of Smithfield Club House. The Club will provide some meat. Members are to provide pot luck dishes and desserts. Please call or email Janet Andrews as to what you will be bringing. (757-357-0019 –or- [JANetHWA@aol.com](mailto:JANetHWA@aol.com) )
  - d. W4PRO (Jim Wise) would like to have copies of pictures taken during his tower removal and disassembly.
5. The minutes of the August 10, 2009 club meeting 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 W4RBH (Dick Harrell). The motion was seconded by KG4BKI (Fred Weaver). The motion passed unanimously.
6. Standing committee reports:
  - a. Treasurer - W4RBH (Dick Harrell) – The treasurer’s report had been submitted to the club by email. WG4NUH (Jack Dragseth) made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report that had been submitted. The motion was seconded by KG4BKI (Fred Weaver) The motion was approved. Dick stated that we now have 53 WTRA Club members.
  - b. Repeater - W4RBH (Dick Harrell) reported the following:
    - 1) The repeater is working great.
    - 2) We might get a backup remote base radio. This could add additional features
  - c. President – N4KIT (Chris Peters):  
  
(None)
  - d. Vice Pres, - KI4WKT (Lyle Hornbaker) –  
  
(none)
  - d. VE Team – KG4BKI (Fred Weaver) Stated that we expect a test session before the end of the year.
  - e. Newsletter – We need to have someone to step up to do the newsletter.
7. Old Business -  
  
(none)

8. New Business –

a. Nominating Committee –

- 1) Committee Members - KI4WKT (Lyle Hornbaker), (N4JMA) Janet Andrews, and Ron Harvey (W4RRH)
- 2) KI4WKT (Lyle) stated that he will not be an officer next year.
- 3) Lyle stated that if anyone will serve, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

b. Field Day 2010. We will consider using Nike Park. Lyle will check into using the park.

c. It was discussed as to whether the WTRA meetings should all be Dinner Meetings. The consensus seemed to be, have a dinner meeting, business meeting, and program. Consider other locations for the meeting place. Ron Harvey will check with Main Street Restaurant about having our meeting there.

d. W4RGN (Jarvis Hearn) made a motion to give the club tower to KG4BKI (Fred Weaver). It was seconded by KE4GFM (Bruce Powell). All Approved.

e. IRLP and Echo Link were discussed. The repeater committee will look into getting into the county's internet. KG4BKI (Fred Weaver) made a motion to have the repeater committee look into IRLP or one of the VOIP options. The motion was seconded by Ken Briden. All approved.

9. Our Annual Business meeting will be the second Monday of the first month in the new year, January 11, 2010. Time and place to be determined.

10. The next Regular Club Meeting will be the second Monday of the second month of the next quarter, February 8, 2010. Time and place to be determined.

11. KE4GFM (Bruce Powell) made a motion to close the meeting. W4RGN (Jarvis Hearn) 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All agreed.

12. Program - (W4PRO) Jim Wise gave an excellent presentation on Radio Wave Propagation.

Respectfully Submitted  
Ron Harvey - W4RRH  
WT4RA Secretary