

C.A.R.S. Meeting Minutes 4/21/25

Lake City Baptist Temple

Call to order: 7:00 pm Meeting ended: 8:00 pm

Presiding: President – Dalton Weatherford – (KK4KSM)

Officers Present: V.P. – Jim Taylor – (W4NZR)

Sec. – Marcus Perry – (KN4DCJ)

Tres. – Colen Boutwell – (WA5RKR)

Dirs. – Bill Bennett (KO4WOG), Fred Dawsey (WA4ZFQ)
and Gordon Beattie (W2TTT)

Members Present: Brad-N5CBP, Daniel-K4TWT, Gary-KG4FVU, Hank-KK4HMK, Henry-KI4KYS, Jim-KK4JIM, Kevin-KQ4SVC, Matt-K4CPZ, Mike-N9MC, Randy-KQ4NRK _____

Guests: _Craig Harnden, Dallas McCullagh, Jessie Tice _____

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag - All present

Prayer: by Marcus - KN4DCJ

Sec. read the Minutes from the last meeting.

Once read, requires a motion to approve and a second.

Motion to approve by: _Jim-KK4JIM____ 2nd: _Henry-KI4KYS_____

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance \$ 530.37

Income \$ 60.37

Expenses \$ _____

New Balance \$ 590.37

Any **Old Business** to discuss:

- 1) Colen let everyone know that the Club's Insurance was going to cost \$200.00.
- 2) In 2022, the "C.A.R.S. and ARES club members" made donations of around \$300.00 toward the purchase of a \$500.00 repeater system. As we fell short, the club members agreed to take \$200.00 out of the general fund to make the difference up. Because this repeater is needed and being used during ARES/EOC operations, ARES has offered to buy our share for \$250.00. After some discussion, members unanimously voted in favor of accepting the offer.

An ARES representative paid our treasurer \$250.00 cash. A receipt for payment was given to Randy-KQ4NRK.

New Business:

- 1) Brad-N5CBP gave us a rundown on the recent April SET exercise. He believes overall, it went as well as it could go. Considering, we had real- world solar storms that adversely affected our HF. Then we discovered SARNET was down. During the hotwash some members asked about more training. Brad will reach out to those interested and plan for this.
- 2) Dalton gave members an explanation of the differences and shared interests between the average CARS club member and the local ARES. There is a degree of over- lapping in the similar radio operations. But ARES is its own entity. Our club has ARES members and non-ARES members.
- 3) Gordon-W2TTT said the Madison Radio Club was going to have a “measuring tape” antenna build class on May 10th. Gordon will provide more specific information to those interested in participating.
- 4) This weekend is the Florida QSO party for those interested.
- 5) Colen-WA5RKR informed club members that we needed to clear everything (radio related) out of the room we’d initially set up for training and operations. The roof is caving in from water damage. We will probably not be returning to that space.
- 6) Jim-KK4JIM, offered up space at the church he attends, to CARS members for meetings etc. If we find ourselves in a situation where we are homeless.

Presentations / Upcoming Events:

- *Madison Radio Club’s measuring tape antenna build. May 10th, 2025*
- *Hurricane season is right around the corner.*
- *Field Day(s) weekend of June 28th and 29th.*

Signature:

Marcus Perry (Sec.)
