

## **RVARC MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, May 23, 2023**

The Rappahannock Valley Amateur Radio Club (RVARC) meeting of May 23, 2023 began at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States led by the club President, Chris Collins, KN4LLQ. Officers present were Chris Collins KN4LLQ, Austin Izaguirre KNKPT, David Perrussel KV4TZ, and Shari Kenny KM4JMD. John Cross WB4TYS (Secretary) was absent due to illness. David Perrussel KV4TZ will take the minutes for tonight's meeting. Scott Larimer KN4RPA (Events Chairman) was absent due to business travel.

The minutes were not read, assuming people read them on the website. They were voted on and passed.

The program for tonight's meeting is how amateur radio operators played a major role in the post 9/11 attacks at the Pentagon. The program was presented by David Wilson AC4IU.

The Membership Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Dave Perrussel, KV4TZ, said the club has 107 members total, with 72 members in ARRL. There was one new member voted on (Frank Landymore KG4OJV) for membership. The motion was passed and seconded.

David Wilson AC4IU asked if there was any sort of a flier that we can use for club promotion. He wishes to send something to a family of a 12-year-old who is a licensed amateur radio operator in the Fredericksburg area to show them that we'd be interested in having him join our club.

The Treasurer Shari Kenny KM4JMD reported \$7,515.46 in the checking account, \$6,198.94 in the bank CD, and \$123 in the 50/50 raffle. We recently paid our insurance policies for the club.

The Events Chairman, Scott Larimer, KN4RPA, was absent. David Perrussel KV4TZ made several announcements in his absence

- Great Train Race went very well with no issues. The race director appreciated our support and realized that event could not happen without our involvement.
- The Marine Corps Historic Half went well and Scott wishes to thank all those that volunteered. We had no significant issues and the Marine Corp was very happy with our support. If anyone has input for an after action, please email him by COB Wednesday at [rvarcevents@gmail.com](mailto:rvarcevents@gmail.com).
- Rappahannock Canoe Race is Saturday, June 3rd (less than 2 weeks away). Scott is looking for one more volunteer to support this event. The difficult positions are covered. The remaining positions can be worked with a HT. Please email him at [rvarcevents@gmail.com](mailto:rvarcevents@gmail.com) to volunteer.

- Scott still has no confirmation on a support request for the Colonial Beach Triathlon on July 15 & 16. He has reached out to the organizers.

Austin Izaguirre KNKPT (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President) led a discussion on Field Day planning. The main focus of tonight's planning is the coordination of how to earn extra points during Field Day. These included using alternate sources of electrical power, submitting our event to various media sources, running a GOTA station, a message to the ARRL section manager, receiving the W1AW bulletin, publishing to social media, having a safety officer, and other ways to earn points were discussed.

Austin Izaguirre KNKPT is looking for someone to put on a program for the June meeting, as the follow-up for Field Day would be too soon between the event and the June meeting two days later. So, the follow-up will be the program of the July meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM

David Perrussel KV4TZ (acting secretary)