

SCCARC MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2/3/2021 – SUMMARY

Treasurer position

- Dick Hillyer has resigned, thanks to Dick for stepping in to fill this term on short notice and for his 6 years of service on the SCCARC Board.
- The Board voted to approve appointment of Rick Indiano N2VSN as acting Treasurer to fill out Dick's term. Thanks for stepping in Rick for this needed role.

Emergency Planning and communications update (John Armstrong KN4CDM, Rick Sochon N10V)

After a period of lessened activity CERT is trying to stir up interest in helping our community. Since we are mostly on the older scale it limits us to how much we can do. In communities with younger folks CERT has many missions including search and rescue, first aid, debris removal and other things for younger folks with wider capabilities. Directing traffic at virus testing sites is a task we are capable of and maybe assisting the radio clubs in some way is another. There is about thirty ham operators on the CERT roll. We are in the process of polling them to see about their availability. At present we are examining our capabilities to better define of missions going forward.

Rick Sochon N10V provided an update on the recent vaccination activities.

Repeater audio streaming

Doug Gatchell provided a demonstration on how to use the Kings Point club website to monitor the local repeaters.

DMR repeater update

- Working well, not heavily used
- QCWA Net at 5 PM Sundays on Quadnet TG 31012
- Each US state has at least one dedicated talk group
- Florida has many TG's including 3112 (Florida) 31122 (WCF) 31124 (SE)

New SCCARC Website

- Thanks to Bill , W1WAB for the upgrade
- <https://www.qsl.net/sccarc/>

Equipment Manager report

- Added SDR receiving station (SDR2 donated by Mike KK5WP) if you want training , see Joel Bahl KQ0J.
- Added MFJ ARB 704 switching buffer to HF radio #2 (Donated by KK5WP)
- Upgraded the power supply for the TNC for the packet station
- DMR capable Dual (Tri band) FM Transceiver AnyTone 578Pro III ordered
 - GMRS / FRS / wideband receive capable
- Discone wideband antenna purchased to pair with the above radio.
- Current license exam study guides ordered from the ARRL – one for each license class. Can be checked out from the shack library.
- Tower maintenance / repair – tower does not lower , needs new rope for latch actuation. Anyone want to volunteer to help when we do this?
- Sales – we have some used HF antenna tuners still available.

Board / Volunteer Needs:

- Program Director replacement needed for Jim Key's position. Responsibilities of this position include being a club officer on the board as well as planning speakers for the monthly meetings.

- We need weekly Net Control stations and backup Net control stations
- Mike Tinsley is the new Tuesday Monitor – Thanks for stepping up !
- Social / snacks volunteer (when we can have them again)

Odds and Ends

- Let me know if you need a badge – we need a picture for it to get to Michael Friolet
- Club shirts – not available at this time – the previous vendor closed shop we will have to locate a new vendor – Red Barn vendor recommended

Radio of the month

KQ0J gave a quick overview of the capabilities of this radio and used it to demo the KPARC streaming website.

- Yaesu FT-818ND portable HF/VHF/UHF all mode Transceiver
- 6W output , 160M – 70cm all bands and modes, internal battery
- Current price is \$649

Door Prize drawing!

Thanks to Scotty , KG4WBV for the 3 Multimeters !