Business Meeting Minutes March 2, 2023

Officers present: Bill, N3RY, President; Will, KC3UQQ, Vice President; Phil, NO3N, Secretary; Gaylord, KC3SMP, Director; Greg, KC3SEG, DIrector; Dave, W3DRE, Director.

There was a quorum of officers and members to conduct the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

Membership: Brice McPherson, AB3AC, an Amateur Extra from Odenton was voted into membership

Laurel VEC: Bill reported on the upcoming examination. There are 34 applicants from the Naval Academy at the time for April 12..

A/V Plan: Dave has determined what the club will need to upgrade the A/V plan. The plan will hopefully be complete in May.

Class: Keith noted a good turnout for the first week of the Technician Class. The General Class has several sign ups to date.

Membership: Huey reported that we had 165 members who have renewed and new members.

Presentation: Will reported on an upcoming presentation. Bill noted that Greg is planning a POTA presentation.

Nets: Dave Grimes reported there are issues with the 075 repeater with an AM broadcast station on the same tower.

Mike Montrose was called upon. He reported on the AA County ARES meetings. The EOC is now back up. He noted items that had been discussed with the ARES members on past presentations.

Shack: Ed reported on the migration of some people getting cards and credentials for the Shack.

Will noted computers are working, WInlink and APRS are down. There is an issue with the power supply (*note: this was replaced as the power supply was bad*)

Miscellaneous: There was a discussion regarding putting the ARRL news on the system. Eventually it was resolved as amateur radio news is exempt from "broadcasting" restrictions.

Gaylord reported on a new DMR repeater. He also asked for help in checking out the generators for Field Day. The backup generator for the shack is fine but needs preventative maintenance.

Bill noted we need a chairman for Field Day. Keith needs an idea as to the number of stations in order to finish the antenna plan. He went over a few things related to Field Day. Keith noted it would be a good experience for the new amateurs. Food is arranged. There needs to be people to greet the public and explore the various facets of ham radio. Setup is on June 23 and the event is on the 24th.

Jeff announced the meeting link will be held open for assignments for the upcoming public service events.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM