



NORTH AUGUSTA BELVEDERE RADIO CLUB

MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY, 2016.

The meeting was held in the 6th floor conference room of the Aiken Hospital. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Greg Godsey K5CVD.

INTRODUCTION

TREASURER'S REPORT - DAVE WB5NHL

Dave WB5NHL gave his report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - ALBERT KM4MMT

The report of the previous month's meeting was given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCHOFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUB REPORT - KENT KQ4KK

Two students, and a mother of one of them, passed the Technician class test, and enthusiastically received handheld radios.

The ARRL School Roundup started today. The students got 243 contacts in 4 hours on this first day! This will continue this week from 2:00 to 6:00, with pizza on Friday. A vertical antenna was set up for 20 and 40 Meter voice. More help for Thursday and Friday was solicited.

AIKEN COUNTY ARES REPORT - KEVIN KJ4IVJ

The emergency preparedness trailer will moved, but not sure how closely it will be tied to the State Exercise. Region G will have a full scale exercise on 2/17/16.

NEW BUSINESS

Kevan N4XL was VOTED IN as a new member of NABRC.

OTHER EVENTS

The Charlotte Hamfest will be March 11 & 12. (actually in Concord, NC)

Charleston Hamfest was last weekend, and it was well-attended.

Orlando ARRL.

Waynesboro Hamfest on 4/23.

Saturday April 30: Aiken Half-Marathon will be held, and HAM members are being solicited to help coordinate: See Charlie AE4UX.

SCETV will be offering HAM testing in Columbia.

PRESENTATIONS

Three members presented excellent audio-visual presentations:

Kent KQ4KK presented a comprehensive overview of the NATIONAL PARKS ON THE AIR program, a collaboration between the National Parks Service and the ARRL, lasting until the coming Fall. This can be a club contest competition. For more information go to npota.arrl.org.

Kevin KJ4IVJ gave an update on preparations for the K4NAB Field Day, which will be held at the Aiken County government building. Friday 6/25 will be for participants to set equipment up, and the event will be Saturday 6/26 from 9:00 to 5:00, with a Low Country Boil at 4:00.

Jonathan KM4MNX gave a presentation on his explorations of DIGITAL VOICE, showing the many types, advantages, and vendor support for each. Several new and exciting products use a small transceiver controlled by a Pi or Audino microcontroller.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting shall be March 14, at Public Safety Station #2, in North Augusta. Ragchew at 7:00 with the meeting starting at 7:30.

END OF MEETING

Meeting ended at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Albert KM4MMT - Secretary