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Next TAARS Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19th 2018, at COA, in Room FC121B.

Minutes

The club president, Scruff K4SDL, called the August meeting to order, approx. 7:30 PM.

The Treasurers Report was read and approved.

Twenty four (24) Amateur Radio Operators were present for the meeting.

Old Business

- ❖ A motion was made and passed to fund equipment to fund a ready Go Station. AL, K4VHV and Mike, KB4TOH were nominated to gather this information.
- ❖ A motion was made and passed to fund a table at the Virginia Beach Ham Fest on Sept 8th. Herman, NO4Y was nominated to make the arrangements.

New Business

This month's discussion topic:
EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PLAN

Tom, KN4ILC, informed the club about JOTA, OCT 19-21, at Chowan Co. Fairgrounds. The 20th will be the station operation day; 4 to 5 volunteers are needed. Tom will check on a commitment from the local troops to attend.

Tom also brought up Community Day to be held at Dismal Swamp and Merchant's Millpond on Oct 27, and the opportunity to set up a free table and perhaps a station.

Regarding the subject of Event Coordinator, a motion was made and passed to assign one ad hoc, using different individual's talents, abilities and interests per event.

The ongoing discussion of a portable club station continues. Al, K4VHV, gave a presentation on the Eagle One mast and tripod antenna system, utilizing wire for HF and a Diamond-50 for VHF/UHF.

Generators were discussed. While it was determined that most members had a generator, it is probable that they would not be available in an emergency, and/or they are of the loud construction variety. Discussion was had about buying one or two stackable inverter generators and keeping them at the EOC or a club trustee's residence.

Tom, WB1CZX, gave an informative demonstration of his self-contained to-go station.

Herman, NO4Y is updating the club's roster. Please email TAARS.US to make any updates of your contact information.

Attendance

Albert Onley, K4VHV; Ron Thomas, N4WYR; Steve Kelly, K1RLU; Kathy Taylor, KN4IKT; Herman Cox, NO4Y; Scruff Harrison, K4SDL; Greg Terranova, N4QLD; Colman Motes, KG4FSE; Tom Ponte, WB1CZX; Lacey Melton, KN4AKM; Thom Yeager, KN4ILC; Connor Yeager, KN4ILA; Tim Ward, N9FNI, Tom Christophoudos, KM4YQT; Jack Inskeep, KN4IKY; Tracey Pajer, KN4LXN; Eric Forslund, N8XT, Rebecca Forslund, KN4IKV; Kerry Krauss; KD4CEB; David Sharber, AJ4NV; Charlie Pencinger, KA2GXJ; Phil Shullo, KI4LIP; Marty Drees, K1JET; Joe Wallace, K4EIT.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 Local Time, after which Joe, K4EIT demonstrated his Rig Expert AA-170 antenna analyzer.