

Loudoun Amateur Radio Group
Regular Meeting Notes February 15, 2020

Venue: Leesburg Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

- 8:30-8:45 Coffee, meet and greet
- Pledge of Allegiance
- President welcome and meeting overview.

Doug K4AIU presented an overview of the meeting

- Steve KN4HOZ presented the Treasurer's report.

Beginning balance was \$6,152.89

Income \$1487 from dues for 2020 club membership

Expenses \$381.25 for ISS event equipment, post office box rental and Christmas party gifts.

Ending balance: \$7,258.50

Members are encouraged to use PayPal to pay dues. PayPal provides a record of payments that can be use to easily track payment history. All PayPal submissions should include the member's callsign in the comment field.

- The officers who served during 2019 were recognized.
- WA4TXE was presented with an award to recognize his contribution to the ISS Contact project at Farmwell Station Middle School. It was noted that the applications are being accepted for new ISS Contacts to occur during 2021. Sterling Park Middle School is preparing an application with support from the club.
- A letter from a letter from the Lovettsville Town Council was reviewed. The letter acknowledged the club support for the Oktoberfest event.
- It was noted that there is an opportunity to participate in a STEM expo in April. The expo will be held in Manassas. The exhibit should promote amateur radio. The club outreach to the Boy Scouts was noted. An opportunity to support the HackerSpace community exists. It was noted that the MakerSmith facility is part of this community. Club members interested in supporting one or more of these opportunities should send an email message to the club reflector.
- Paulson KG4TIH and Damon K9CQB were recognized for their monetary contributions beyond the amount of the annual dues.
- The Virginia section of the ARRL is seeking a Public Information Officer for each club. Members interested in providing this service should contact a club officer or member of the Board of Directors.

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- Harvey N2BFY presented his Cookie Tin Antenna. The antenna uses a metal cannister as the base. An antenna element is placed in the center of the cannister cover. An element that is 5/8 wavelength provides the best performance. The general model of the antenna is an off center fed dipole.
- The education committee is looking for qualified instructors. See the website for instructor qualifications. Note that there will be no weekend license classes during the next year.
- Members are invited to join the Loudoun ARES group. See their web site at <http://www.ldnares.org> for information about the group.
- Upcoming club events were noted. Volunteers are requested to lead the club involvement in the events. Included event are Field Day Leader, Reston Bike Ride Support Leader, Oktoberfest Support Leader and Holiday Party Organization Lead. Send email to Leadership@k4lrg.org if you are interested in becoming a volunteer for this or any other club related project.
- The Virginia QSO party will occur during March. It was recommended to reference the page of W4GO on qrz.com for information about simple station setups for each frequency band.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:50.
- Attendance

Evan KQ4CI

Jim N4FAF

Carol KF4TJJ

Denny KF4TJI

Collins AB3KC

Doug K4AIU

Paul N4PD

Steve KN4HOZ

Wendy KD4NYK

Chris KT9N

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