

## February 19, 2018 Membership Meeting

Meeting started at 1931 by President Ron K4TCP with a reminder that raffle ticket sales are cutoff at 7:30. He reminded us of the sale table for after the meetings. Folks can bring a smallish item to sell after the meetings. He also told of the link on the main webpage to the sale and items wanted page. Ron also thanked everyone who participated in the SES HL Hunley and then proceeded with introductions.

Vice-President Ken W4KBN had no report.

Treasurer Dave K4DLE- his report from the Board meeting is attached.

Secretary Linda KM4WBN had birthdays: Jay Clark, Lionel Mackey, David Merritts, and Shelly Perry.

Tom W4DAX gave a membership report that we have 58 paid members and two new members.

Bryce K4LXF had nothing to report on repeaters.

David AE4ZR VE reported that one passed the test last month. There are 5 pre-registered for this month's test session. There were 6 VEs who RSVP'd. Ron restated that we have testing on the third Wednesday of every month in Goose Creek.

Brian W4BFZ QSL manager passed around one of the SC POTA QSL cards. He said he had received no new cards to date.

Ken KC4ETW- is our new Presentation Committee Chairman. Ron thanked him for stepping up. Ken asks if anyone has any ideas for presentation ideas good for children around nine years old to let him know.

Many ideas were tossed around for future presentations. Dave has volunteered to do one on Anderson Power Poles at the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Tommy Billings will offer a presentation on dipole antennas after a future meeting. He also asked for presentation information be added to the website.

### Old Business:

K4PSA- Tom told us about School Club Roundup. They had 50 contacts. Max Freedman was recognized for his outstanding job on the air. Tom reported that their radio has some big problems and that Mike Abbot would take a look at it. He reported they did have contact with 8 schools.

Museum Ships June 2-3. POC Robert Wilhite AJ5E was absent, but says that everything is 'under control'.

SC POTA- David AE4ZR asks that if anyone has photos from 2017, please forward them to him. Five parks have been activated so far. He explained why that there was not an activation during February- because of the HL Hunley SES. March 10<sup>th</sup> they will activate Charles Towne Landing. Antennas may be staked if necessary. Also, a generator may be used as long as it does not bother a wedding scheduled for 11am. There will also be a picnic that day. We will have several picnic tables available and we will be allowed to grill. A sign-up sheet will go out shortly. Please park at the back of the parking lot. We will be allowed in at 7am for set-up. Park opens to the public at 9am. It is suggested that you arrive early because the wedding party may take up a lot of the parking lot. Peggy W4ZBR has stepped up as POC for coordinating the picnic. Admission to the park will be free if you stay with our group. If you wish to see the park, you will need to pay the admission fee. Dave suggested a link be provided from our Facebook page to the Facebook page of the park we are activating. Ron says to notify him or Tom in advance, about each activation.

### New Business:

Dinner Meeting- Tom W4DAX POC. Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> at TJ's on St. James Avenue behind Dunkin Donuts.

New committees and Chair Person needed:

PR Committee- Need someone who has media contacts, like the local neighborhood papers, to announce our events.

Fund Raising Committee- for raising funds for upgrading equipment.

Education Committee-A technician licensing class. Maybe one for Generals.

Nominating Committee- someone needed to solicit nominees for the four elected positions.

HL Hunley SES- made 98 contacts. Temperature was pretty nice, the wind was not. It was a learning experience with the new tripod and mast. More volunteers are needed to put it all up and get it safely guyed, if needed.

Summer Field Day is the fourth full weekend in June. It will be held at the same place as last year- the Goose Creek Municipal Complex.

March picnic- POC Peggy as already stated.

Tom W4DAX proposed that the trailer have our club information put on the sides and back. He will be getting the pricing information.

Tommy Billings might do a future presentation on CW. Dave asked to hear an actual cw conversation.

Radio raffle was won by Bob AI4SX.

Meeting adjourned at 2033.

Secretary

Linda Wilson

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