DRAFT Wilson County Amateur Radio (WC4AR)
January 6, 2024

Call to Order
President Jim Murff called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

Meeting Attendance:
22 members were in attendance: Bryon Magendanz, Richard Haney, Glenn Lees, Phillip Andrews, Jeff Seligman, Teresa Vantrease, Jim Murff, John Gross, Chris Dubois, Steven Foe, Johnny Lohman, Michael Ramsey, Mac Reppert, Frank Carbonara, John Dunn, Bill Uthoff, Dondre Young, Pamela deSoto, Michael Wright, Jeff Bair, Margaret Ann Trail

Wilson ARC Information Net
The club agreed to cancel the Wilson ARC Information Net whens the scheduled date falls on a holiday.

Approval of minutes from last meeting
The minutes of the December 2, 2023 meeting read by Secretary Teresa Vantrease were approved.

Treasury Report
Treasurer Margaret Ann Trail reported the current amount in the checking account is $6040.50. There are 2 outstanding bills to be paid for a total of $65.11. Insurance payment is due June 1, 2024.

New Business/Updates
Margaret Ann presented a concern that the bank account only has the Treasurer's signature on it. While only one signature is required on any check written, and the Bylaws specify that the treasurer pays bills, she suggested that a second signature be added as a back-up. The bank will need a copy of the minutes with the name of the second signature in order to add it.

- Glenn Lees moved with second by Richard Haney that Bill Uthoff be given signatory authority for the club checking account at Wilson Bank & Trust. The motion passed.

Margaret Ann stated that the WC4AR Bylaws require that club financial records be audited. Glenn Lees and Bill Uthoff will audit the financial record books.

Chairman of Outside Events Pat Fitzhugh gave update on upcoming events:

- Winter Field Day held 1/27-1/28/2024. Sign -up form and general information was posted on the WARC, Inc FB page. Everyone is encouraged to register. Meeting at Camp Craig Dining Hall. No heater- bring one if you want to, there will be two generators. Meals/snacks on your own. Sat. dinner & Sun. breakfast- meals can be ordered and picked up, will need to pay for order if participating.
- Other events and happenings: Quarterly EmComms Exercises, POTA, including a POTA Introductory Class presentation, ARRL Foundation & Grants. He recommends the grant be used for the purchase of Ham Radio Books for the Public Library and for the club to use during public events.

Chairman of Public Information Chris Dubois gave an update:

- The membership dues paid at the December meeting are being manually entered into the HamClubOnline database. Once that is completed, the online roster will reflect the members updated status. Recommends all members to log into HamClubOnline and register if they have not already done so and update their profile page.
- Reports that he plans to refresh the club webpages including the two FaceBook pages, the official website and will soon be introducing the new BAND app to the club for internal communication. The club currently has 2 FaceBook pages: Wilson Amateur Radio Club, Inc is public facing and Wilson County Amateur Radio Club is a private group. This private group may close if BAND proves to be a better form of communication.

Chairman of HamQuest Bill Uthoff gave overview and update on HamQuest set for Friday, July 19th (set-up) and Saturday, July 20th (HamQuest).

- Checking with food truck vendors, primarily looking for vendors that serve breakfast type foods.
- Michael Wright to email Bill the information regarding the number of tables and chairs provided by the facility. Bill suggests discussing table pricing at an upcoming meeting.
- Will be setting up teams within the club to help with HamQuest planning- looking for volunteers. Two lessons learned from the 2023 event that the teams will work on: Pricing for outside tailgate vendors- vendors pay for one spot, but some vendors took several spots and HamQuest ticket sales were lost when some visitors only shopped with the outside tailgaters and never entered the building.
- VE Testing will again be in a separate building conducive for testing. Event will be registered with ARRL.
- Reminder: as date of HamQuest gets closer, put in the plug for the event during local Ham Radio Nets.

Chairman of Education Glenn Lees gave an update on upcoming learning sessions:

- Antenna building, including workgroup to install antennas for those needing one. He welcomed suggestions, Winlink was mentioned. He asked the club to post any learning needs on FaceBook.

Michael Wright had his Go-Box and antenna set up and shared information with the members and Frank Carbonara provided information on J-pole antennas and how to improve a current Go-Box setup.

There were 5 persons to test at the 4:30PM testing session. All testers passed: 3 new Technicians, 1 General upgrade, 1 Extra upgrade.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:11PM.
Minutes submitted by Secretary Teresa Vantrease