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Official Transmitter of the Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club - W4YK -

MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER, 2021

The December meeting of the *Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club (BRARC)* was our annual Christmas Party dinner, held on Monday, December 6th at Twin Dragons Grand Buffet in Brevard. The dinner started at 6:00pm and we began the business meeting at 7:00pm.

ATTENDANCE

18 Full Members and their guests attended, with 4 additional Full Members attending online via Zoom. A quorum is currently 15 members, so we had a quorum.

TREASURER'S REPORT

November 1 – November 30, 2021

Balance as of 10/31/21		\$ 5,552.39
Plus: Dep: Dep: 1x 2021 ½ dues, 2x 2022 dues	\$ 50.00	
	Total Income	\$ 50.00
	Sub-Total	\$ 5,602.39
Less: Exp: (none)	\$ 0.00	
	Total Expense	\$ 0.00
	BALANCE AS OF 11/30/21	\$ 5,602.39

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Parade – Dec 4

The club provided communications for the Hendersonville Christmas parade on Saturday, December 4th. Danny Rector, NA4X headed up a team of 19 volunteers who lined up the 60-some participating organizations according to a new map, due to the closing of 9th Avenue for the new Hendersonville High School buildings. The parade kicked off on time and continued with hardly a hitch. Thanks, Danny, and all the volunteers!

Review of 2021

2021 BRARC President Charles Webb presented a short overview of some of the club's activities during 2021, notably including some fun fox hunts with young people.

Club Meeting Place

Charles Webb shared that we have secured for the upcoming year the use of our normal meeting location in "the big house," and that the chairs have now been returned to the room.



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“Raspberry Pi and Amateur Radio” Class in January

The Club will have a hands-on class in January on how to set up Raspberry Pi computers for amateur radio, including using the Build-a-Pi software. Those interested in attending the class should email cwebb@hville.net so we get an idea of interest and can get a venue lined up during January. Videos at <https://github.com/km4ack/pi-build> and <https://www.raspberrypi.org> will give you an idea of what can be done.

New Meeting Streaming Software

We’ve been paying \$15 per month to have a Zoom “Pro” plan with meetings over 40 minutes long. In January we will try a new service, which allows unlimited free meeting length and attendance in much the same format as Zoom. (But you’ll have to do without your backgrounds and filters unless the new service adds it.) Visit <https://meet.jit.si/> to try it out, and we’ll have more detailed instructions sent out and on the website before the January meeting.

BUSINESS

New Officers Elected

The annual officer election was held tonight, as there was not a full slate presented at the November meeting. Club officers were elected as follows. A motion was made and seconded to accept the results, and the motion passed unanimously.

- **President** – Bill Gunn (KB2GUN), kb2gunb@yahoo.com
- **Vice-President** – James Reed (KK4JFO), jshreed@bellsouth.net
- **Secretary** – Steve Smith (KC5F), kc5f@arrl.net
- **Treasurer** – Susann Swan (K9FMZ), susann93@use.startmail.com

Thanks to Outgoing President Charles Webb

The members presented thanked Charles for his leadership as President for the past two years. It has been an “interesting” time due to the pandemic, but Charles kept meetings and activities going successfully throughout. Charles has asked to be the Club Shack Manager in the upcoming year. He also offered to continue updating the BRARC Facebook page, with the help of incoming President Bill Gunn.

PRESENTATION

(There was no presentation at tonight’s Christmas Party dinner meeting.)

MEETING ENDED

The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Steve Smith (KC5F), Secretary.

DUES FOR 2022

Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club annual dues are up for renewal. They remain \$20.00 per year for Full (licensed) and Associate (unlicensed) members. Dues for additional related members in the same household as a Full or Associate member shall be one-half the applicable rate. Dues for full-time students in an accredited school will be one-half the regular rate. Send checks made payable to *Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club* to the new BRARC Treasurer:

Susann Swan – K9FMZ, PO Box 1951, Hendersonville, NC 28793-1951.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Description
Sat, December 18	Informal Breakfast Get-Together – 9am, Ingles 625 Spartanburg Hwy.
Tue, January 4	BRARC Meeting - In person in Jackson Park. In addition, you can still attend virtually. Latest instructions on logins are on the BRARC website.

FOR SALE

There are no items listed this month.

AREA HAM RADIO NETS

2 METER FM NETS		
BRARC Net (W4YK)	146.640 MHz / T91.5	Sunday 8:00pm
Henderson County ARES Net	146.640 MHz / T91.5	Wednesday 9:00pm
Slow Scan TV Net	146.640 MHz / T91.5	Sunday 9:00pm
6600 Net	145.190 MHz	Saturday 9:00pm
Oasis Shrine Net	145.190 MHz	Sunday 9:00pm
KI4ZEK Net	145.190 MHz	Thursday 8:30pm
Blue Ridge Traffic (SC)	146.610 MHz	Daily 9:00pm
Good Morning Net	146.760 MHz	M-W-F 9:00am
Anderson Radio Club Net	146.790 MHz	Daily 8:30pm
Slow Scan TV Net	146.790 MHz (no tone)	Saturday 9:15pm
WCARS Information Net	146.910 MHz/ T91.5	Monday 9:00pm
Buncombe ARES Net	146.910 MHz / T91.5	Wednesday 9:00pm
Transylvania ARC Net	147.135 MHz	Thursday 8:00pm
WCARS Simplex Net	147.525 MHz	Tuesday 8:30pm
6 METER FM NETS		
6 Meter Net	53.130 MHz / T100	Friday 9:00pm
220 MHz FM NETS		
Mount Pisgah 220 Thur Net	224.260 MHz	Thursday 8:00pm
Mount Mitchell 220 Net	224.540 MHz	Monday 8:00pm

HF NETS		
The American Preparedness Radio Network (TAPRN)	3.818 MHz or 7.24 MHz	Sunday 9:00pm
80 Meter Simplex Net	3.843 MHz	Thursday 9:30pm
NC Evening Net	3.923 MHz	Daily 6:30pm



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Tarheel ARES Net	3.923 MHz	Daily 7:30pm
NC Morning Net	3.927 MHz	Daily 7:45am
K4UUQ Morning Net	7.228 MHz	M-Sa 7:00am/Sun 8:00
SATERN Net	14.265 MHz	Daily 10:00am
Get Up and Go Net	28.350/28.360 MHz	Sunday 9:00pm

DIGITAL MOBILE RADIO NETS		
DMR Net	WNC Net Talk Group	Thursday 8:30pm
DMR Net	WNC Local Talk Group	Monday 7:30pm
WNC Net	WNC System Fusion Refl YS24157	Wednesday 9:00pm
DMR PRN Net	PRN Local Talk Group	Tuesday 8:00pm

BLUE RIDGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OFFICERS

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