

MEMORANDUM

To: Chuck Littlewood, K4HF, President
From: Sue Meyer Parks, W2GHK, Secretary/Treasurer
Re: Minutes of QCWA Chapter 126 meeting of Sept 21, 2024 (Q3 2024)
Date: Sept 22, 2024

Chapter 126 of the QCWA held its quarterly meeting on Sept 21, 2024, at Best Food Cafeteria, Siler City, NC. There were 19 attendees.

President Chuck Littlewood, K4HF, called the Board to order at 11:05 am. Board members present: Secretary/Treasurer Sue Meyer Parks, W2GHK; and Director Tom Evans NA4U. Absent were Vice President Charlie Strickland, WA4OSS Director Gary Schwartz, K3OS; and Director Tom Lewis, N4TL. Charlie continues to be the primary caregiver to Sheila, KE4CDS.

The next meeting will be Jan 11, 2025, at the Best Food Cafeteria in Siler City, NC. We decided moving the Q4 meeting from Lexington to Siler City would be good since so many of our members are from the RTP area and Siler City is closer for these members. K4HF will bring this up to the general membership. We also talked about an occasional meeting east of Raleigh, however at this time we will not explore this due to the distance our Piedmont members would need to travel.

We did not discuss possible future speakers. WA4OSS will work on a speaker for Q4. There is a list of potential speakers that is maintained.

Sue, W2GHK gave the treasurer's report. We currently have \$1841.89 in the club bank account. We received a \$100 donation from RARS in June. 2023 member dues have been reconciled. Six members were removed. For 2024 dues, Sue sent an email to 7 members. Of these 1 will be follow up with a second email. The rest are paid or reconciled. Sue shared a chart showing new membership for the year and number of attendees per meeting. In the last meeting Gary suggested that a new chart be made which reflects the loss of membership. This was shown at this meeting by a graph of the total number of members at the beginning of each year. The graph shows members from 2018 to 2024. The high was 87 in 2021 and low is 2024 with a total of 73.

Sue shared the Q3 2024 Net Report. It will be sent to members along with the minutes. We averaged 12 check-ins for the quarter, the same as last 2 quarters. For Q3, we had three members who participated in all 14 nets, W4AG, WA4OSS,

and NC4JP. Two members missed only one net and one member missed two nets. On July 20, the net did not meet as there was no NCS signed up and no one jumped in to take it. Attendance has been steady over the past several years.

Chuck asked if there was any other business. There being no further board business, the board meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

The general membership meeting was called to order at 11:50 am. President Chuck Littlewood, K4HF welcomed everyone. He reminded all to sign in and get tickets for door prizes and the 50/50 drawing.

Chuck, K4HF told the members that there are 4 NC QCWA chapters listed with headquarters, however only our chapter is listed as active. Although the Hendersonville chapter is no longer active, they meet informally monthly.

Chuck, K4RGN gave the blessing before our meal.

We all introduced ourselves and answered the question “Did you participate in the 13 Colonies Operating Event this year? The event is held during the 4th of July week. We then went through the cafeteria line.

After lunch, door prizes were drawn.

Wilbur Goss, WD4RDT won the 50/50 drawing. (\$32.00)

There were 8 prize drawings won by:

- Ernie Wall, NC4EW
- Lou Demko, W3LPR
- Maggie Spears
- Jerry Haegele, KD2NF
- Dave Wood, W4EJ
- Chuck Till, K4RGN
- Alan Pitegoff, AB4OZ
- Richard Kroeger, N1FUA

Sue, W2GHK gave the treasurers report. There is currently \$1841 in the bank account which remains steady. We received a \$100 donation in June from RARS.

Chuck mentioned that Sue, W2GHK has agreed to be the 2025 Nominating Committee Chair. If you have an interest in being more involved in our chapter, contact Sue.

The program was given by Joe Spears, A1FE on ADS-B technology (Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast). This is an aviation surveillance technology which collects data on aircraft and other airborne vehicles such as balloons and drones. He showed real time data on flights coming into Charlotte in “Flight Aware”. He also showed us ADS-B Exchange as well as Flight Radar 24. There was much interest in the program.

Chuck, K4HF asked the group if they have any ideas for future programs to pass them along to our VP Charles, WA4OSS.

Chuck reminded the group to renew their 2024 chapter membership with Sue, W2GHK here or at her address on the roster. [No members present owe dues]. Stay current on your QCWA National Memberships. They can easily be renewed on the National website.

Upcoming Hamfests:

- Clingman Hamfest, Ronda NC Sept 21
- Lexington NC, Sept 28
- Winston-Salem NC, Oct 12
- AB4OZ Raleigh, Oct 19
- Benson, Nov 17
- Stone Mountain GA, Nov 2-3

Chuck proposed the next Chapter 126 meeting on Jan 11, 2025, to be at Best Food Cafeteria in Siler City, NC instead of Lexington. He explained that the chapter was founded in 1981 by amateurs in the Triad Area who worked at Western Electric. Our member base has shifted over the years to more members from the Triangle Area. He asked members to raise their hand if they were in favor. There was a clear majority to move the Q4 meeting (Jan 11 2025) to Siler City. The program is TBD.

K4HF asked if there was any other business. There was none.

K4HF reminded the group of the Saturday morning net at 8:45 am on approx. 3.853 MHz. Sign up for NCS on the chapter website.

K4HF thanked Charlie, WB4RCM and Sue, W2GHK for their administrative chores during the meeting today and thanked all for attending. The board wishes everyone a healthy and safe fall season. Get your Shots!

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm. The following members were present: Chuck Littlewood, K4HF; Sue Meyer Parks, W2GHK; Dennis Mason, WZ0Q; Alan Pitegoff, AB4OZ; Charles Swindell, WB4DCM; Wilbur Goss, WD4RDT; Chuck Till, K4RGN; Bob Saunders, W2IKN; Ernie Wall, NC4EW; Richard Krueger, N1FUA; Joe Spears, AF1E; Tom Evans, NA4U; Susan Jones, WA4AKB; Dave Wood, W4EJ; Lou Demko, W3LPR; Jerry Haegele, KD2NF. The following guests were present: Dale Jones WA4JCK (OM of Susan Jones), Barbara Haegele, XYL of Jerry Haegele, and Maggie Spears XYL of Joe Spears.