

# NEGARC Minutes

## February 4, 2010

### Minutes:

**Members/Guests:** Bob Herrin KE4JLL, Kay McMann KG4WHA, Fred Lubbers KG4PPQ, Joe Tiller KD4VHX, Janna Tolbert KJ4ESB, Charles Locke W4CLE, Paul Cheek KS4XR, Hiram Jackson WA4UET, Doug Brown KC4RSL, Jim Mitchell K4LCP, Jeff Crowley KD4AOZ

### Minutes:

- President Janna Tolbert called the meeting to order at 6:30
- Introductions were made
- Janna expressed thanks to Doug for his ARES service; he has resigned as ARES Coordinator and will be greatly missed
- Minutes of January's meeting/net were reviewed and approved with no changes
- OFFICER REPORTS:
  - Treasurer's report by Joe KD4VHX
    - General Fund - \$424.11
      - 4 expenses: Flowers for Joe White (Silent Key) - \$60.99, Annual fee for post office box - \$44, Renewal of incorporation - \$30, transfer to repeater fund - \$35
    - Repeater Fund - \$773.81
    - 11 Members representing 11 households
    - Charles Exley KJ4JEV has made a \$35 donation to the repeater fund
    - Suggested that we look into purchasing insurance for the club – this will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting
  - Repeater report – Jim K4LCP
    - Since we continue to have problems with interference from the tower lights, suggested we attempt to raise enough money to buy a kit to fix the light itself
    - Jim has talked with the person responsible for the tower and offered these possible solutions:
      - Temporarily turn the antenna upside down (away from the light)
      - Jim has talked with GA Public Broadcasting about possibly getting some money from them to make the changes
  - SkyWarn Report – Doug KC4RSL
    - First activation for this year – tornado warning – 22 check-ins
    - Siren Test 2/4
      - Many hams participated in the test
      - Several sirens did not sound
      - EMA Director Steve Nichols expressed thanks to all who participated
      - 3 EOCs were manned – Banks, Jackson, and BJC Hospital
    - Joe suggested that during a SkyWarn activation, once all reportable conditions were taken, a roll call be made to determine what is happening at each station – this would be to just provide information to everyone listening of what was happening throughout the area
- The study manuals for technician, general, and extra licenses were presented to the Library prior to the meeting.

- Bob presented information about caps that could be ordered with club information on the front (\$12) and, if desired, name and call sign on the back (\$16). Anyone interested in ordering should contact him. We must have a minimum of 12 to order.
- Janna requested that everyone please turn in their Member Survey Forms to Jim.
- Jim is trying to compile an inventory of equipment that the club owns. Anyone who has anything that belongs to the club, please email him.
- Bob has VE applications for anyone wishing to get certified with Western Carolina.
- A VE committee has been established: Doug – head, Charles L, and Jim
- A suggestion has been made that we hold at least some of our meetings in Jefferson. Eddie Gilbert has reported that the new Fire Training Center in Jefferson would be available to us.
  - Joe suggested that we hold a few meetings there before we relinquish our time at the Commerce Library.
  - If the building is ready, we will hold the March 4 meeting at the Training Center.
- Bob gave more information on the upcoming MS Bike Ride, April 10 – 11
  - 6 area clubs will be participating in providing communications
  - The Control Center will be at the Gwinnett Co. EOC
  - Hoping to set up a D-Star network
- Janna reported that they are still trying to get the website setup so that it is not dependant on just 1 person. To that end, Doug has been investigating web creation software.
  - Motion was made and approved to allow Doug to purchase whatever software he thinks is best, up to \$100 limit
- Paul reported that the Tri-County Club is considering starting a SkyWarn group
- Program – Jeff Crowell KD4AOZ discussed Tower Safety. He demonstrated the proper use of a harness, showed several pictures of various tower setups, and answered numerous questions.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:52