

NEGARC Minutes

March 22, 2011

Minutes:

Members/Guests: Kay McMann KG4WHA, Jim Mitchell K4LCP, Bob Herrin KE4JLL, Joe Tiller KD4VHX, Dick Ashworth WB4HXF, Janna Tolbert KJ4ESB, Hiram Jackson WA4UET, Randy Davis KG6KYH, David Farquhar AK4AH, Oria Stephens KG4KFM, Ed Twigg K4ELT, Dennis Phillips N4DRP, David White N5FB

Minutes:

- President Janna Tolbert called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- The February minutes were approved with no changes.
- OFFICER REPORTS:
 - Treasurer's report by Joe KD4VHX
 - General Fund - \$619.79
 - Repeater Fund - \$889.54
 - We have 15 members representing 14 households
 - The \$50 renewal fee for the club's incorporation papers will be mailed soon
 - Joe has been told that the fee for 501C3 non-profit application has gone up to \$800. He will investigate to see if this is true, and if it is, we probably will not be applying for it.
 - Club sent Eddie a get well gift card to LongHorn's Restaurant
 - Repeater report – Jim K4LCP
 - Both repeaters have been working well.
 - The tower lights interference should be less of a problem for the nets now that it is lighter outside during net time.
- SkyWarn
 - Dick WB4HXF has accepted position of SkyWarn Coordinator
 - Appreciation was expressed to Bob for his service as interim coordinator
- ARES - Bob
 - Last ARES meeting was on 3/17/11; program was on digital communications
 - New course is now being required – ICS 802; Bob has a study sheet
 - Per Chief Nichols – a background check will be required to be considered deployable to counties outside Jackson. Bob has forms to be filled out.
 - Next ARES meeting – 6/16/11 – emergency communications course
- Website
 - Doug has set up a FaceBook page for the club
- Public Service Events - Bob
 - Races will be held 3/26 and 3/27 in Athens
- Field Day
 - Doug will be NEGARC chairman this year
 - Randy will again handle the food
 - There will be no June meeting since it would be the week after Field Day
- John Davis will be conducting an all-day D-Star University on 4/23 in Gwinnett County. The registration fee will be \$25. Anyone interested in D-Star operations is encouraged to register early as there will be limited space. Bob will send out information as soon as it is available.
- Hiram won the door prize – a CoCoRAHs calendar
- The program was presented by David White N5FB

- Demonstrated WebSDR de W4AX with Digi Pan – listening to hf frequencies via the internet (www.w4ax.com)
- Presentation on using 10 meters and instructions for making a 10 meter j-pole antenna
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

Submitted by Kay McMann, KG4WHA, NEGARC Secretary