

NEGARC Minutes

August 23, 2011

Minutes:

Members/Guests: Paul Cheek KS4XR, Kay McMann KG4WHA, Bob Herrin KE4JLL, Dick Ashworth WB4HXF, Janna Tolbert KJ4ESB, Angela Rouse KJ4HWZ, Randy Davis W8RND, J Warren Walker W4JWW, Charles Exley KJ4JEV, Vicki Davis W8VHN, Joe Tiller KD4VHX, Doug Brown KC4RSL, Ancil Baird - guest

Minutes:

- President Janna Tolbert called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.
- Introductions were made of members and guests.
- The July minutes were approved with no changes.
- Treasurer's Report – Joe
 - \$554.79 – General Fund
 - \$889.54 – Repeater Fund
 - 18 members representing 16 households – Warren is our newest member
- Repeater report
 - We have received a comment that the repeater seems to have a weaker signal – no one else seems to have had any problems
 - Dick volunteered to beginning helping Jim with the repeater
- SkyWarn report - Dick
 - No severe weather was reported this month so no activations
 - Tuesday night nets have been averaging around 6 check-ins
 - Need volunteer net control operator for Sept. 6 net and several other nights
 - Several members have been conducting an informal 10 meter net on Thursdays after the ragchew net; frequency – 28.350 at approximated 8:00 pm. Everyone is invited to join.
- ARES report – Bob
 - ARES has been invited to participate in the Northridge Hospital Drill
- Public Service Events – Bob
 - Upcoming event in Houschtou in September
 - UGA football season begins 9/10
- Door Prizes – anyone with “boneyard items” is encouraged to donate them for door prizes
- Joe has contacted a GARS member about a possible program on contacting satellites which was presented at the Gwinnet TechFest
- The next TechFest will be January 14. We can set up a table from 10 am until 2 pm with information about our club
 - Will be discussed later
- Joe made a motion to change the bylaws to reduce the club dues for the upcoming 2012 year
 - Joe will post the formal motion on the reflector for review
 - More discussion will be held at the September meeting
- Dick would like to see our membership increased and volunteered to call past members
- Bob reminded everyone of the HamNation podcast live Tuesdays at 9 pm at live.twit.tv
- The program was presented by EMA personnel – Steve Nichols and David McCoy – on how we can be more involved

- Door prize of a roll of tommy tape was won by Angela
- Next meeting will be September 27
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

Email sent by Joe Tiller on August 24, 2011 to NE4GA Google Group:

Hi Fellow Hams, It was good to see many of you at the meeting the other night. For those of you who were not there, a proposal was offered by me to address our fee structure in the Club. In accordance with our by-laws this information is to be disseminated to the membership ahead of time and then we can vote on this proposal. My purpose for this proposal is in consideration for the times in which we live, plus the fact that we have a pretty good amount of money in our two funds (check minutes for details). Bob had pointed out that we may have to replace the repeaters in the future, but then our guest speaker for the night, the Jackson County EMA Director (Steve), stated that they would be changing out their radio equipment soon (two months) and that the Club should speak with them about the used radios, possibly for free and which could be altered for our ham bands. So, here is the proposal that was offered:

It is proposed that the Club lower the fees for membership to the following schedule:

yearly regular membership = \$15.00

family membership = \$20.00

senior membership = \$10.00

student membership = \$10.00

Also, for new members joining the Club in June or after of a given year, the membership fee for the year would be lowered to \$10 to finish the year out. Also it is proposed that if the funds (General fund and Repeater fund) totals become too low or if there is a critical need, a special collection can be authorized by the Executive Committee as a one time fund raiser.

At our next meeting, please be available to vote this proposal in or out. Hope to see you then.

73. KD4VHX, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted by Kay McMann, KG4WHA, NEGARC Secretary