

NEGARC Minutes

July 26, 2011

Minutes:

Members/Guests: Paul Cheek KS4XR, Kay McMann KG4WHA, Bob Herrin KE4JLL, Dick Ashworth WB4HXF, Janna Tolbert KJ4ESB, Angela Rouse KJ4HWZ, David Farquhar AK4AH, Hiram Jackson WA4UET, Randy Davis W8RND, J Warren Walker W4JWW, Charles Ekley KJ4JEV, Jim Mitchell K4LCP, Clayton Bryant - Guest

Minutes:

- President Janna Tolbert called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.
- Introductions were made of member and guests.
- The April, May, and June minutes were read and approved with no changes.
- Treasurer's Report (via email from Joe)
 - \$579 – General Fund
 - \$889 – Repeater Fund
- Repeater report – Jim
 - Jim has a new email – K4LCP@windstream.net; he thinks some emails may have been going to an old address
 - In answer to an email question as to the location of the repeaters:
 - Stark Street, Commerce
 - 285 ft high
 - Bob reported that D-Star repeater is working well; have had tremendous support from Jackson Co. EMA
- SkyWarn report - Dick
 - No severe weather was reported this month so no activations
 - Tuesday night nets have been averaging around 10 check-ins
 - Need volunteer net control operator for Sept. 6 net
 - Discussion on possibly changing net to Thursday nights just before the rag-chew net to increase participation in both nets
- ARES report – Bob
 - Last ARES meeting – 6/16/11 – emergency communications course
 - Scott Wilbanks from the hospital invited ARES to participate in a table-top planning session in preparation for a full-scale drill in September
 - ARES is becoming more standardized with State-wide requirements for deployment eligibility
 - Next meeting will be September 15
 - Bob encouraged everyone to listen to the HamNation Podcast at live.twit.tv; live broadcast Tuesday @ 9 pm
- Field Day report - Jim
 - 500+ contacts
 - 45 participants
- Warren invited everyone to the Tri-County Club meetings – 4th Monday of every month
 - August 20 – HamCram for Tech licenses
- The program was presented by Dick on Antenna Modeling Software, EZNEC by W7EL
 - See the www.eznec.com for the free version and 3 more advanced versions
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kay McMann, KG4WHA, NEGARC Secretary