

North East Georgia Amateur Radio Club Meeting

January 24th 2012

In Attendance:

Joe Tiller KD4VHX	J. Warren Walker W4JWW	David Farquhar AK4AH
Bob Herrin KE4JLL	Hiram Jackson WA4UET	Janna Tolbert KJ4ESB
Charles Exley KJ4JEV	Randy Davis W8RND	Dick Ashworth WB4HXF
Doug Brown KC4RSL	Angela Rouse KJ4HWZ	

Visitor:

Aaron Paul KI4TMB

MINUTES

- President Ashworth/ WB4HXF convened the North East Georgia Amateur Radio Club meeting at 6:30 pm.
- **Secretary's report and reading of the minutes:**
Secretary Brown/ KC4RSL reported that there were no minutes from the December 2011 meeting as the only business conducted at the Holiday Party was the election of officers. He also reported that the donations for the Banks/ Jackson Food Bank collected at the party totaled 140 pounds of food.
- **Treasurer's report:**
Treasurer Tiller/ KD4VHX reported the Number of people paid so far in 2012 is 1 , representing 1 household, though several others had turned in their checks during the meeting. NEGARC ended 2011 with 19 members in 17 households on the rolls.
After paying Holiday Party expenses and expenses related to domain registration and hosting for www.ne4ga.org and www.negarcskywarn.com the club's funds are:
General fund = \$ 379.01
Repeater fund = \$ 894.26
- **ARES and Skywarn report:**
EC Herrin/ KE4JLL discussed the February will be Tornado Awareness month. The annual tornado siren test is scheduled for February 8th at 9 am. A list of sirens that need coverage was passed around. At the state Georgia ARES meeting it was discussed that a \$10 statewide ARES id badge is coming. Completion of all required NIMS classes is required to receive the badge. It will be needed to work in the EOC and will ease inter-county work by proving that a minimum level of training has occurred. Hams may still operate in ARES without the badges, but not inside the EMA. A work session at the EOC in Jefferson was also announced for the morning of January 28th.

Severe weather season is coming so a call for net control stations to volunteer for Tuesday night nets was placed. More capable net control stations is always good. There is a Skywarn training on February 2nd in Barrow County.

- **General Announcements:**

Charlotte Hamfest March 10th and 11th

Athens Radio Club has a amateur license testing session on February 7th at 6:30 pm at Fire Station #8 on Jefferson Highway for all license classes

TriCounty Amateur Radio Club has a amateur license testing session on February 18th in Braselton for the Technician class license

- **New Business:**

Charles Exley/ KJ4JEV made a motion to donate \$50 to our ARES organization. Doug Brown/ KC4RSL seconded and the passed unanimously.

- **Program:**

President Ashworth/ WB4HXF presented an interesting program on fox hunting. He showed some antennas useful for radio direction finding. He also discussed several techniques useful in hidden transmitter finding, such as the "body fade" technique. There was discussion of holding a fox hunt within the next few months, possibly after another club program showing how to construct antennas. March 2012 was discussed as a possible date for the program.

- The president adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

The next club meeting is scheduled for February 28th, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by Doug Brown/ KC4RSL February 1st, 2012