

CGARC Minutes to Meeting 3/12/2009

The March 12, 2009 CGARC meeting was held at First Christian Church on North Houston Road and called to order by Scott Nolde, N4CI. Introductions were made with 34 people present. The February 12, 2009 minutes were reported on the club web site and accepted. The February 2009 financial report was given by KC4WU with \$1704.48 as a closing balance prior to the March meeting.

Wil, NM4W, reminded everyone of the Technician Class to be held in Cochran on March 28.

Elaine KB4KNE brought very sad news that Hoyet Brown, Jr., KF4VFD, has terminal cancer and is only expected to live a few more weeks. The club's prayers were offered to Hoyet and his family.

The VEC test session yielded one new General class, Phil Pike, KJ4JQE. Congratulations Phil.

Larry Keith KQ4B gave a report on the Heart of Georgia Hamfest to be held Saturday, May 9. He reported on the dealers and expenses to date. Each participating club will be given a table to use inside at Byron Middle School. CGARC gave Larry a check for \$97.18 for some of the expenses to date.

Dan KF8DB reported on the repeaters, saying all is good on both. The 147.015 repeater (KB4KNE / WB4UHL-sk) is up and working. Dan discussed the drafted Repeater Operating Manual and encouraged members to read it on the web site and be prepared to vote on it at the April meeting.

The following new member applications were presented to the club members, motioned, seconded, voted on by a show of hands, and accepted.

Ken Catron, W4KIK, Byron

Joshua McCall, KJ4IPZ, Warner Robins

Phil Pike, KJ4JQE, Kathleen

James (J.B.) Plemons, KI4SJJ, Warner Robins

Tony Sheldon, W4AGS, Centerville

Larry Keith, KQ4B, Warner Robins

Joel Robertson, AI4NP, Bonaire

Welcome all new members. We are happy to have each of you.

Net reports: CGARC VHF check-ins are running about 20 per session. Preston WR4PM reported on the HOLE-in-the-wall and 2m SSB (144.220). Nate WN8UNO reported the ARES Net held on Monday nights is having from 20 to 27 check-ins.

Scott N4CI reported on upcoming DX contests.

Charles Pennington, K4GK, Section Traffic Manager, Georgia Section, was introduced to the members. Charles gave a very informative program on the National Traffic System (NTS) and the proper handling of ham radio traffic. Thanks to Tom W4WXA for arranging for Charles to come to the meeting and offer the program.

Bill KC4WU announced the March Newsletter is posted on the club web site. Member biographies and other articles were requested for publications in the Newsletter

Kevin KE4LRS announced that the next Fox Hunt would be held on Saturday, April 4, at 8:00 PM.

Nate Hall WN8UNO won \$17.50 of the \$37 half & half pot, and donated it back to the club. Thank you Nate for the generous donation.

Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted – Bill, KC4WU