

CGARC Minutes to Meeting 06/11/2009

The June 11, 2009 CGARC meeting was held at First Christian Church on North Houston Road and called to order by club president Scott Nolde, N4CI. Introductions were made with 33 people present. The May 14, 2009 minutes were reported on the club web site and accepted. The May – to June, 2009 financial report was given by NM4D with \$1492.98 as a closing balance prior to the June meeting. The club is holding \$891.84 for the Heart of Georgia Hamfest in the checking account. The total checking account balance is \$2384.82

- Kevin, KJ4BHY reported the Fox Hunt will be held Saturday, June 13 at 7 PM.
- Dr. Wil, NM4W announced that the Saturday, June 13 Ham Cram needs all the VE's we can get to handle the expected 30 to 40 students.
- Dave, KN4DS announced that the 2009 Field Day planning meeting will be held Thursday evening, June 18, at the Central Baptist site where Field Day will be held on June 27-28.
- New club member Jim Luther, WB4SXR, was voted in by a show of hands. Membership applications for Rex King, W5EAK, and wife Vicki King, W5VLK, were read and will be voted on at the July meeting after the applicants arrive in town. They are traveling from Texas via motor home and will be arriving June 15.
- Jimmy, WB4NGF, gave a talk about the technology for linking the Cochran 145.11 and Warner Robins 146.85 with other systems in the state. Slim, WB4OLL and Cliff, KI4KHO attended the meeting as well. Dr. Will, NM4W made a motion that the club purchase the controller and antennas to make the system possible at a cost of \$475, seconded by George KF4KQG. Dr. Wil will donate two of the antennas for the Cochran repeater. Bill NM4D announced he will donate \$100 toward the purchase of the equipment and asked others to help as they can. The motion passed by a show of hands. By the end of the meeting donations were made as follows: KB4KNE (\$20), WB4SXR (\$20), WR4MT (\$20), N4SP (\$20), N4CI (\$20), K4ICT (\$20), WRT4PM (\$40) for a total in cash of \$260. At this point it will only cost the club \$215. More donations are welcome. Contact Bill NM4D to donate.
- Secretary/Treasurer Bill NM4D announced that \$64 was paid to Dave KN4DS to cover the VE testing for the Boy Scout Amateur Radio class given by Dave AB3I and Cliff W4CDM.
- The ARES net is the largest in the state now and will soon be linked to the 145.43 repeater to increase it even more.
- The VEC test session had three applicants this month, One Technician, one General and one Extra. All applicants passed. The Extra was a student from the March 2009 Cochran Ham Cram class. Way to go all.
- Net reports were given. Bill NM4D had 21 check-ins on the June 9 VHF Net, including Jozsef W4JPD via echo-link from Hungary. Preston WR4PM had 25 check-ins on June 2 VHF Net. More Net Controls are needed. Contact Preston WR4PM to help. Hole in the Wall Gang and 2m SSB nets are still going. The ARES Net on June 8 had 43 check-ins with multiple repeater links.
- Upcoming contests include Asia- Pacific Sprint, Kid's Day on June 20 1800z – 2400z, Field Day June 27 1800z to June 28 2100z.
- David KD4KLF won \$23 in the \$46 half-n-half drawing.
- Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted – Bill, NM4D