

## CGARC Minutes to Meeting 09/10/2009

The September 10, 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 36 people present. The August 13, 2009 minutes were reported on the club web site and accepted. The August - to - September, 2009 financial report was given by Secretary/Treasurer Bill Atkins, NM4D with **\$1445.45** as a closing balance prior to the September meeting. The club is holding **\$891.84** for the Heart of Georgia Hamfest in the checking account. The checking account balance is **\$2337.49 (\$891.84 + \$1445.45)**.

- Dr. Wil, NM4W announced the Saturday, September 12, 2009 Ham Cram for Technician and General class to be held at Houston Medical Center from 8 AM to 4 PM with VE testing to follow. A meeting of ARES will be held at 7:00 AM prior to the class for planning the October 3<sup>rd</sup> SET.
- Brett, WD4BRB reported the Fox Hunt will be held Saturday, September 12, 2009 at 7 PM. Hunters should check in on the 25/85 repeater. The fox will transmit on 146.58 mhz. Brett will be the fox.
- Bob Head, KI4YNZ has been appointed Peach County EC for ARES and requested all Peach County hams to pass along to him their address.
- Reginal Cross, KG1ZMO, "Gizmo" announced the antenna builder's class on Saturday, September 26 at the Byron Middle School at either 10AM – 4PM or 1PM – 6PM.
- Cliff, W4CDM announced the club web site has improvements for categorizing club documents.
- Club president Scott, N4CI appointed Cliff W4CDM as 2010 club officers nominating committee chairman and Preston WR4PM and Fred to serve on the committee.
- Mike WM4B reported on the repeater. The 25/85 repeater is working great. The 145.11 repeater had a new controller installed, then it failed and was repaired and now back up and working well. There are some audio issues being worked out. Check the club web site for some of the codes for the 145.11 repeater. Mike reported that he is working on backup power for the 145.11 repeater. He reminded operators to wait 2 seconds after keying up when links are up to allow all repeaters to come up.
- Terry KI4QFF reported that he has the signed Memorandum of Agreement with all parties so the club can continue the use of the Dunbar Road water tower and have access to install the linking UHF antenna. The club needs to send \$50 payment to the Houston County Water Department. NM4D will send the money to Tommy Stalnaker.
- Net reports were given. The VHF net was called by Joshua KJ4IPZ on 9/8 for the first time and did a great job. The ARES had 51 check-ins from 10 or 12 counties. Preston WR4PM reported on the 2m SSB and 6m nets and the rag chew on 28.375 USB between 8PM – 9PM.
- Dr. Wil, NM4W reported that repeaters in Leesburg and Valdosta will be coming up soon on the ARES link system.
- Some contests coming up include Worked All Europe, NA Sprint CW, and CQWW RTTY. All contest coming up on the weekend of September 12-13.
- Dave KN4DS reported VE testing yielded two new General classes, Ben Kaiser, KJ4MYI and Don Crawford, KC4AIO/AG/AG. Congratulations to both. Way to go.
- Mike WM4B made a motion for \$60 to pay for back-up power for the 145.11 repeater, seconded by George KF4KQG. Bob KI4YNZ amended it to \$75, seconded by John WB4EEL. Both motioned passed by a show of hands.
- Cliff Morey W4CDM won \$19.00 in the \$38 half-n-half drawing and donated his winnings to the club repeater link fund. Thanks Cliff for your generous gift.
- Terry KI4QFF asked if the club wants to enter the Warner Robins Christmas Parade. No decision was made. He asked if the club wants to "advertise" our Santa Patrol activities.
- Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted – Bill, NM4D