

CGARC Minutes to Meeting 08/13/2009

The August 13, 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 34 people present. The July 9, 2009 minutes were reported on the club web site and accepted. The July - to - August, 2009 financial report was given by Secretary/Treasurer Bill Atkins, NM4D with **\$1480.18** as a closing balance prior to the August meeting. The club is holding **\$891.84** for the Heart of Georgia Hamfest in the checking account. The total checking account balance is **\$2372.02 (\$891.84 + \$1480.18)**.

- 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.
- Brett, WD4BRB reported the Fox Hunt will be held Saturday, August 15, 2009 at 7 PM. Hunters should check in on the 25/85 repeater. The fox will transmit on 146.58 mhz.
- Guest Chris Faust spoke to the members about the upcoming October 17 Cub Scout Jamboree to be held at Camp Benjamin Hawkins. George, KF4KQG made a motion for the club to support the JOTA, seconded by Brett, WD4BRB. The motion passed by a show of hands.
- An announcement was made about the ARES meeting coming up August 27 at 7:30 PM at Sandy Valley Baptist Church on S. Houston Lake Road.
- Bill NM4D announced that the club has been notified that the North Davis Drive Post Office, where the club's P.O. Box is, will be closing in February 2010. The Postmaster said the club should be able to keep the 2585 box number and move it to the Russell Pkwy branch.
- New club members Jeanene Kaiser (KJ4MYH), Clay Peacock (KJ4MYU), Jeanne Williams (KJ4MYG) and Richard Williams (KJ4MYF) were voted in by a show of hands. The club now has 66 club members.
- Bill Atkins, NM4D, club Secretary/Treasurer requested the club move its checking account from BB&T to Robins FCU for branch office convenience. Cliff, W4CDM made a motion to allow the secretary/treasurer to open the new account, seconded by George, KF4KQG. Signatures for the new account will be President Scott Nolde (N4CI), Vice-President Dave Stewart (KN4DS), and Secretary/Treasurer Bill Atkins (NM4D). The motion was passed by a show of hands.
- Dr. Will, NM4W reported about the UHF interference on the Cochran repeater. The interference is coming from an FM broadcast station near Dublin.
- Net reports were given. The VHF net continues to have from 25 to 35 check-ins weekly, ARES is very good, 2m SSB and 6m net is good.
- Some contests coming up include SARTG WW, YO DX, and SARL HF DX. Wake Island DX-pedition is coming up in October.
- Dave KN4DS reported VE testing yielded one new General class, Clay KJ4MYU/AG. Congratulations Clay, way to go.
- Dr. Will NM4W reported that he has re-applied for club Special Services Club status. All club activities were given to ARRL and we are compiling club ARRL membership percentage.
- Tony Sheldon, W4AGS won \$16.50 in the \$33 half-n-half drawing and donated his winnings to the club repeater link fund. Thanks Tony for your generous gift.
- **Congratulations to the CGARC. We now have 66 paid club members.**
- Preston, WR4PM gave out a stack of old QST magazines for new hams to read.
- Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted – Bill, NM4D