

Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary

January 15, 2018

Meeting Held at Butts County Fairgrounds Jackson, Georgia

Meeting Began at 1901 **Meeting Concluded at** 2030

Attendance at Meeting: Mark Baker; Mike Crowe; Dan Darsey; Ed Hoard; Buzz Kutcher; John Lipscomb; Melvin Mosier; Nancy Phillips; Darlene Ragon; David Ridgeway; Whit Smith; Anthony Strite; Brent Strite; Ken Wallis; Glenn Wyatt; Alfred McClure; Dana Persells; Wade Morris; Jamie Morris; Rudy Williams.

Office of Homeland Security/CERT: Director Glen Goens No report tonight

Net Manager's Report: Ken Wallis

VE Team: Dan Darsey

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe

Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak

Hospital Team and Public Health Department Team: Dan Darsey and Ken Wallis

CERT Activities: David Ridgeway

Field Day Committee: Mark Clark

Membership Chairman: Nancy Phillips

Public Information Officer: Mark Clark

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher

Treasurers' Report: John Lipscomb

Club Old Business: Ken Wallis is working on a map of Butts County showing the location of all the shelters, ARES sponsored radio stations and other areas of interest to our Club during an event we might be called to participate in. He has topographical maps of the county showing the location of hi tension lines and would like to create two mobile stations capable of going to the highest elevations in Butts County to check how well we could communicate with the Hospital, EOC and 911 center during an event. Volunteers welcomed to assist in the field with this activity. Dan Darsey presented the 2017 Club audit to the members.

Club New Business: Our Club will be offering Technician Class training to interested parties on January 27, 2018 and February 3, 2018 at Fire Station #7 beginning at 0830 each Saturday.

General Class training classes will be offered beginning on Thursday February 8, 2018 and running for every Thursday evening for 7 weeks. Classes will be held at Fire Station #7 beginning at 1830.

Nancy Phillips, our membership chairman, will be sending out emails reminding us that Club dues will be payable starting March 1, 2018. We will also need to check our contact information to be sure it doesn't need updating.

Buzz Kutcher made a motion for our Club to purchase a 6 foot table to be used in the soon to be relocated Hospital station. John Lipscomb seconded the motion. After some discussion that the Hospital may be able to provide us with a table, Buzz Kutcher withdrew the motion and it was seconded by John Lipscomb.

Mark Clark, our newsletter publisher, said that unless we get more articles for our newsletter we will be forced to go to bi-monthly publication.

Buzz asked all Georgia ARES Annual Meeting attendees to forward 'after action' suggestions on the meeting to him. Providers of the program hope to improve the meeting logistics for 2019. All members attending the classes at GPSTC will receive certificates from the classes.

Buzz once again encouraged members who have not completed the required ICS courses to please make an effort to do so to be properly trained to work an incident.

Our President, Ed Hoard, shared with us that he will be retiring from the ministry in two months and moving to Florida. We celebrate with him in his retirement and Elaine Stachowiak, our Vice-President, will be stepping up to serve as President. Many thanks to both of these fine members for their service to our Club.

Coming Events: March 10, 2018 ??? I wrote down this date but the information went so fast I did not get further information.

February's Tech Saturday activity, held on February 17, 2018, will be a group trip to the National Weather Service located in Peachtree City. Meet in the NWS parking lot at 1600 that day.

January 20, 2018 is Tech Fest to be held in Atlanta.

Monthly Program: Mark Austin, Emergency Manager for Sylvan Grove and Griffin Regional Hospitals, gave an abbreviated presentation on HIPPA requirements as it pertains to Ham Radio operators at the Hospital.

Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting: Club members raised \$53.00 tonight for the Repeater Fund. Please consider donating items to the raffle for fund raising.