

Amateur Radio Club of Butts County

June 04, 2018

Meeting Held at Butts County Fairgrounds Jackson, Georgia

Meeting Began at 1900 Meeting Concluded at 2030

Attendance at Meeting: David Burnahm; Mike Crowe; Dan Darsey; Buzz Kutcher; John Lipscomb; Neil Martin; Dana Persells; Nancy Phillips; Darlene Ragon; Mel Mosier; Whit Smith; Elaine Stachowiak; Brent Strite; Ken Wallis; Rudy Williams; Glenn Wyatt; Winfred Barnes; Mark Austin.

Office of Homeland Security/CERT: Director Glen Goens No report tonight; representative unavailable.

Net Manager's Report: Ken Wallis Buzz Kutcher volunteered to be Net Control for June 2018.

VE Team: Dan Darsey There will be a VE Session in July.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe Our Club still needs an internet connection at Sylvan Grove in order to use our D-Star Radio.

Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak No report tonight.

Hospital Team and Public Health Department Team: Dan Darsey and Ken Wallis The HF bands have been very poor quality recently but Winlink communications have been successful at the monthly Hospital Net. Health Department communications using the D-Star radio have been successful.

CERT Activities: David Ridgeway No report tonight; representative unavailable.

Field Day Committee:

Membership Chairman: Nancy Phillips Six members still need to renew their membership for 2018.

Public Information Officer: Mark Clark No report tonight; representative unavailable.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher Our Club members donated 170 hours of volunteer/educational time for the month of May; this included 7 operations for a value of \$4197.00.

Treasurers' Report: John Lipscomb General Fund \$1280.83 Repeater Fund \$1627.00 Total Funds \$2907.83

Club Old Business: Elaine, our Club president, encouraged members to retain their membership with ARRL; Club affiliation with ARRL has many benefits including access to reasonably priced insurance for Club activities. The Bluebird Bluegrass Festival activities on April 21, 2018 were again a good opportunity for the community to learn about Ham Radio and Club membership.

Please consider submitting an article or other tidbit to our Newsletter; Mark does such a good job providing us with an interesting newsletter every month. I know he would appreciate your contribution.

It was discussed using one of our Tech Saturday's to assist Ken Wallis with the relay mapping of the county low spots. Relay sites can be mobile stations positioned in low lying areas of the county while simulating a disaster situation.

The Butts County Police Department discovered our assistance with the Jackson 5K Race and commented how helpful our Club was to the race. Traffic control around the race site continues to need improvement.

A second vote on changing our Club's By-laws to reflect the Club name change was held and passed. Dan Darsey mentioned that the Club will need a new website due to the name change. It will be an \$8.00 month charge.

Club New Business: Nancy Phillips showed a sample of a new Club tee shirt with the new Club logo reflecting the change of name of the Club. No decision to purchase shirts was made tonight.

Coming Events:

Monthly Program: Field Day preparations were discussed at length tonight. We will install the antennas on Friday evening at 1830 on site. Concerns were voiced as to the whereabouts of the construction lights that we used for night time communications; still unable to locate them.

Everyone needs to bring comfortable chairs and lamps for their use while operating stations.

Buzz and Dan volunteered to bring coax cables for Club use.

Remember to bring your personal headphones if you have them to help with noise reduction while working at the station.

Final set up preparations will begin Saturday morning at 0900 following breakfast at the Lunch Box.

Bring lots of water to drink and fans if you have them available; the weather is forecast to be hot and humid.

The Family Picnic will begin at 1700; remember to coordinate with Buzz or Nancy on what you are contributing to the picnic. All food must return home with family members at the end of the picnic; there is no facility for storing food items.

Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting: Our club raised \$66.00 tonight for the Repeater Fund.