

Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary

May 07, 2018

Meeting Held at Butts County Fairgrounds Jackson, Georgia

Meeting Began at 1909 **Conducted by** Nancy Phillips VP **Meeting Concluded at** 2007

Attendance at Meeting: Pete Acevedo; Mark Baker; Mark Clark; Mike Crowe; Dan Darsey; Buzz Kutcher; John Lipscomb; Melvin Mosier; Dana Persells; Nancy Phillips; Darlene Ragon; Anthony Strite; Brent Strite; Ken Wallis; Rudy Williams; Glenn Wyatt

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

Net Manager's Report: Ken Wallis Report attached to the minutes.

VE Team: Dan Darsey VE testing session to be held on May 12, 2018 at Fire Station #7 at 0900.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe No report tonight.

Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak No report tonight.

Hospital Team and Public Health Department Team: Dan Darsey and Ken Wallis Report attached to the minutes.

CERT Activities: David Ridgeway No report tonight.

Field Day Committee: June 7, 2018 will be a pre-planning meeting for Field Day. June 16, 2018, our Tech Saturday, will be the time for networking our computers in preparation for Field Day. Buzz Kutcher and Mark Clark will work on the mesh network and assist with updating the logging software. Buzz Kutcher volunteered to coordinate the family picnic this year.

Membership Chairman: Nancy Phillips No report tonight.

Public Information Officer: Mark Clark No report tonight.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher No report tonight.

Treasurers' Report: John Lipscomb General Fund \$1435.83 Repeater Fund \$1562.00 Total Funds \$2997.83

Club Old Business: The Bluebird Bluegrass Festival activity went well. Our Club had a digital station as well as voice and made several FT-8 contacts.

The Jackson 5K Race was well covered by our members. Race coordinator, Morgan Montez, was very pleased to have our assistance. Club members received Race Tee Shirts in appreciation; this was our third year in helping with the communications for the Race. For next year we need to coordinate with EMS for them to be on site during the race; for Net Control to have better communication with EMS and we need to have a station in constant contact with the 911 center.

Club New Business: Buzz Kutcher spoke about how our Club activities have progressed from ARES only to the installation of a Club Repeater requiring insurance to be purchased. At that point we identified our Club as the Butts County Emergency Communications Auxiliary. From there our service to the community as well as the interests and responsibilities the Club has assumed leads us to become a full fledged Ham Radio Club. In order to become a Ham Radio Club we must change the name of our Club. The new name of the Club must be changed in the preamble of the By-laws to the "Amateur Radio Club of Butts County" to be referred to as the "Club".

Buzz Kutcher made a motion to change the By-laws to reflect the afore mentioned name change to the "Amateur Radio Club of Butts County". Mark Clark seconded the motion and the motion was passed by all in attendance.

Ken Wallis made a motion to renew our Club's liability insurance which is due in July 2018. Dan Darsey seconded the motion and it was passed by all in attendance.

Coming Events: June 19, 2018 at 1800 there will be a proclamation presented in recognition of our Club at the Courthouse located in the Municipal Building. Please wear your Club shirts so we are easily recognized.

Monthly Program: John Lipscomb presented a very good introduction to using Echolink for communication purposes. Many thanks for him donating his time to teach this class.

Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting: We raised \$36.00 for the Repeater Fund tonight.