

Amateur Radio Club of Butts County

Date

Meeting Held at Butts County Fairgrounds Jackson, Georgia

Meeting Began at 1904 Meeting Concluded at 2025

Attendance at Meeting: Winford Barnes; David Burnham; Michelle Burnham; Mark Clark; Mike Crowe; Dan Darsey; Buzz Kutcher; John Lipscomb; Alfred McClure; Melvin Mosier; Nancy Phillips; Darlene Ragon; Whit Smith; Chris Southerland; Elaine Stachowiak; Brent Strite; Ken Wallis; Rudy Williams.

Office of Homeland Security/CERT: Director Glen Goens No report tonight; Glen not in attendance.

Net Manager's Report: Ken Wallis Our Club held 5 nets in April; averaging 8 voice ck ins, 4 MT-63 ck ins and 9 Winlink ck ins.

There will be 25 counties participating in "Dominoes Down" which will be held on Thursday May 25, 2019. Please check your radios' memory for the 25 recommended stations for Butts County; make sure all software has been updated and that you have back up power sources to operate for this exercise.

We still need volunteers to act as Net Control for our weekly nets, contact Ken to volunteer.

Don't forget to record your participation in ARES activities by registering on ARES Connect.

Please try to formulate a short practice message to exchange via digital comms on our weekly nets.

For communications at the race this Saturday, when contacting Net Control phrase your call as "Net Control this is (your call sign).

VE Team: Dan Darsey There will be a VE session held this Saturday, May 4, 2019.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe The Hospital is still working on security issues involving our access to the internet.

Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak Continue watching for developing storms and monitor conditions regularly.

Hospital Team: Dan Darsey We were unable to make HF contact with the Georgia Hospital Net this past Sunday.

Public Health Department Team: Ken Wallis Our Club covered all 4 weekly nets in April. Our office space has been turned into a recreation area.

D-Star radio performance is much improved due to Mike Crowe loaning the Club an ICOM-2820H radio. Many thanks go out to Mike for his never failing assistance to our Club's efforts.

CERT Activities: David Ridgeway No report tonight; David not in attendance.

Field Day Committee: Nancy Phillips The Club needs several 16x28 tarps for the CW hut protection.

Melvin Mosier volunteered to provide a generator for Field Day.

The Family Picnic will be held Saturday at 11:30. Darlene Ragon will be contacting members for food donations. June 8th and 15th will be preparation days to coordinate the computers being used for Field Day. Those providing equipment please meet at Fire Station #7 at 0900.

Membership Chairman: Nancy Phillips We have 34 members in our Club.

Public Information Officer: Buzz Kutcher All Club activities and events of interest are published in the local newspaper and shared via the local radio station.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher Buzz states that there are 5 Club members that need to complete the ARES class requirements in order to serve as an ARES volunteer.

Buzz shared that he has a meeting tomorrow night and another meeting on Thursday for information on the 'Dominoes

Down' activity coming up May 23, 2019. The exercise will concentrate on the use of Winlink HF and FM communications.

Treasurers' Report: John Lipscomb General Fund \$1755.66 Repeater Fund \$2106.00 Total Funds \$3861.66

Club Old Business: The relay activity last weekend worked on zone 9; volunteers assisting with this activity were: Buzz Kutcher; Mark Clark; Elaine Stachowiak and Melvin Mosier; Ken Wallis and Nancy Phillips.

The next zone to be mapped will be the western part of zone 8. Work on this area will be held May 25, 2019. Meet for breakfast at the Lunch Box at 0730.

Elaine expressed thanks for those that attended the Bluebird-Bluegrass Festival and experienced the rainy cold conditions. Our membership chairman, Nancy Phillips, sent a letter and copy of our latest newsletter to interested visitors that checked in to our booth.

Club New Business: Buzz Kutcher made a motion to pay the insurance premium for the Club's insurance; Ken Wallis and Elaine Stachowiak seconded the motion. A letter from the Club president will be needed to address the Club's name change.

Buzz informed members that 18 Club members still have not made the transition to group.io for our message board communications. The Yahoo group will be deleted very shortly; contact Buzz if you need assistance changing over.

Coming Events: June 1st, 2019 is the Atlanta Hamfest.

Monthly Program: Michelle Burnham gave a very informative class on online services that the Pines Library system offers as well as little known benefits the Library sponsors; zoo and State park passes.

Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting: We raised \$32.00 in raffle funds this evening for the Repeater Fund.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Darlene Ragon, Secretary of the Amateur Radio Club of Butts County.