

October 07, 2019

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Darlene Ragon, Secretary ARCBC

Meeting Held at Butts County Fairgrounds Jackson, Georgia

Meeting Called to Order at 1900 by Elaine Stachowiak

Meeting Concluded at 2033

Attendance at Meeting: Pete Acevedo; David Burnham; Mark Clark; Dan Darsey; Jarrod Henderson; Buzz Kutcher; John Lipscomb; Melvin Mosier; Dana Persells; Nancy Phillips; Darlene Ragon; Whit Smith; Chris Southerland; Elaine Stachowiak; Ken Wallis; Glenn Wyatt; Chad Sims

Office of Homeland Security/CERT: Director Glen Goens Representative not in attendance.

Net Manager's Report: Ken Wallis Four nets were held last month with an average of 7 members checking in. We had fewer than usual Winlink check ins. Ken said that he needed members to really make the effort to check in to the net and to seriously consider volunteering to act as Net Control.

VE Team: Dan Darsey Dan shared that the last VE Session resulted in 2 new General and 1 Extra Ham licenses. Next VE Session is November 16, 2019

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe Representative not in attendance.

Via Buzz Kutcher: The Hospital repeater is connected to the D-Star UHF radio. Both repeaters have had their coordination renewed for 2020.

Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak Elaine mentioned how grateful we all are that the devastating hurricane that severely damaged the Bermuda area missed us.

Elaine is attempting to schedule a March/April 2020 tour of the National Weather Service facility for our Club. Henry County is holding a Skywarn class in February 2020; further information will be announced later.

Hospital Team: Dan Darsey Ken was covering the Hospital Net for October as Dan was out of town. The Hospital Net coincided with this year's SET exercise. Band conditions were poor at the Hospital; Ken made the required check ins and continued to monitor the EST activities from his QTH. Thanks to Ken and his helpers for their service!

Public Health Department Team: Ken Wallis Four of four weekly check ins were successfully done. Ken says more volunteers are needed to help cover the Health Department check ins. Keep your personal laptop radio software up to date as you will have to use your personal laptop for comms at the Health Dept.

CERT Activities: David Ridgeway Representative not in attendance.

Field Day Committee: Nancy Phillips No discussion on this tonight.

Membership Chairman: Nancy Phillips Membership numbers have not changed.

Public Information Officer: Buzz Kutcher Local coverage of our Club activities is always covered via Twitter, Facebook and local newspapers.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher Paper report given to the Secretary to add to the minutes stored in a Club binder.

Treasurers' Report: John Lipscomb General Fund \$1644.50 Repeater Fund \$1889.11 Total Funds \$3533.61

Club Old Business: Ken hopes to work on Zone 6 this month of the county survey. October 26 will be the morning of this activity. Breakfast at the Lunch Box and then meet at 0900 at the Kersey Pavilion.

Saturday October 19, 2019 is Tech Saturday; Breakfast at the I-75 Huddle House and then gather at Fire Station #7.

Elaine hopes to work on ideas for conducting a 'fox hunt' at the Bluebird Bluegrass Festival spring of 2020.

Spin for Kids Race will be held Sunday October 20, 2019. Check with Elaine for further information.

Club New Business: Tuesday October 15, 2019 from 1800 to 2100 our Club members have been invited to attend an Autism Awareness class for CERT to be held at the Henry County EOC.

Dan Darsey mentioned to all members to be on the lookout for their ballot to vote for ARRL Southeastern District Directors. Your ballot will arrive via US mail.

Buzz shared with members that a CW net is being held on 40 m at frequency 7.045 every Sunday night at 2000 local time. This is a slow speed CW net at 5 words per minute. This is a good chance for past CW students to practice their skill. A Facebook group is also available called Slow Speed CW Net.

Coming Events: November 2, 2019 is the Stone Mountain Ham Fest in Lawrenceville, Ga.

Darlene Ragon is going to check on the date and time for the Christmas Dinner our Club holds annually at Buckners Restaurant.

Monthly Program: Chris Southerland presented an excellent introductory class to DMR digital radios. Many thanks to Chris for doing this training for our Club members!

Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting: No raffle held this evening.