

CGARC Minutes to Meeting 2/10/2011

The February 10, 2011, CGARC meeting was held at First Christian Church on North Houston Road and called to order by club president Dave Stewart, KN4DS. Introductions were made with 36 people present. The January 2011 minutes were posted on the WA4ORT.com website and needed no corrections. The 1/13/2011 through 2/9/2011 financial report that was emailed to members early was discussed with club members by Secretary/Treasurer Bill Atkins, WR4BA. The report showed **\$1688.61** as a closing club balance on 2/9/2011. The club is holding **\$1385.48** for the Heart of Georgia Hamfest in the checking account. The checking account balance was **\$3074.09** (**\$1385.48 + \$1688.61**).

- President Dave, KN4DS, discussed and explained Georgia House Bill 127, which would restore free Ham auto license plates, has cleared committee and is going to the full House of Representatives for vote. Dave urged members to contact their local State Representative and urge them to vote "Yes" on the bill.
- Mike, WM4B, reported that the repeaters are working well with no issues.
- Net reports for CGARC VHF, Hole-in-the-wall Gang (6-meters), and VHF SSB were given by Preston, WR4PM. Terry, KI4QFF, reported on the Houston County ARES net. Dave reminded members that Colin, N4TUA, has moved his ARES net to 8:00 PM. Bob, KI4YNZ, reported on Peach/Crawford ARES net.
- The VE testing group reported that one successful Technician test was given – Jason Bowers.
- Dave announced the next HamCram for March 19, 2011, at the Macon 911 Center on Poplar St. in Macon.
- Program chairman Terry KI4QFF reported nothing is scheduled at this time. He said we will start having "Elmering" classes prior to meetings next month.
- Hamfest Chairman Tim, AF1G, reported on the upcoming May 7 Heart of Georgia Hamfest. Bill, WR4BA, filed for ARRL sanction and it has been approved, giving us the right to use ARRL logo and name on all flyers, correspondence, etc. Also, Bill purchased a QST ad (\$89.00) for the May 2011 issue, which mails out in mid-April. Tim has acquired the Byron Middle School building (and no charges have been mentioned – yet). Ticket sales will be handled by Bill. WR4BA, Jozsef, W4JPD, Terry, KI4QFF, and Gene, KJ4QFF. Preston, WR4PM, and Ken, W4KIK, will handle the tailgating area. Tim reminded everyone that more volunteers are needed for both for the 5:00 PM Friday afternoon setup and all day Saturday.
- Under new business, new membership applications for Sean McMahon, KB0VER, and Jason Bowers (new licensee) were read. George, KF4KQG, motioned, seconded by Preston, WR4PM, that they both be accepted. The motion passed by a show of hands.
- Terry, KI4QFF, suggested the membership application form be modified to more easily check off applicants' interests. Bill, WR4BA, will do so.
- Dave reminded the membership that the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall will undergo a 3 month long remodeling starting in March and the club meetings will be moved to the Houston Medical Center basement training room area starting in March.
- Dave told members that CGARC's ARRL Special Services Club re-instatement has been accepted by ARRL and is being processed.
- Lt. Col. Larry Julian, KC4DCA, gave a very interesting program on Civil Air Patrol.
- Tim, AF1G, demonstrated some of the many features of D-Star.
- Joe Boone, KC4LNX, won \$24.50 of the \$49.00 half & half drawing and donated it back to the club. Thank you, Joe, for your very generous donation.
- Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted – Bill Atkins, WR4BA, Secretary/Treasurer