

UCARS Minutes for June 21st, 2012

Our June, 2012 regular meeting started at 7 PM with 8 members present and two guests. Those in attendance were: Don Jacobsen KC1BD, Charles Comerford KK4HOK, Paul Closius, David Black KF4YOZ, Jed Hayes KI4UER, David Keever K8IP (treasurer), Leon Winter WX6I (secretary), Bill Foust KB4NET (president).

Bill opened the meeting and recognized our two guests. They were Sara Ray Brooks KC2PYD, and her son Malachi Ray. [Welcome. We look forward to having you with us.]

David gave the treasurer's report. He noted that the bank balance after the last meeting came to \$1,642.80. No expenses for the month just previous.

Bill summarized the minutes from the last meeting.

Our club ham testing/VE organizer, Paul, KM4AB, reported that he is getting set up to begin testing in the near future. This has not been a club activity of late so there is work to do to line up qualified VE's and let W5YI (Ham It Up) know where we stand.

Bill reminded everyone that the UCARS repeaters are currently unlinked. Bill also gave a run down on the power supply failure that caused the AC power breaker to trip, thus the PS replacement. Bill has sent out a report to everyone earlier.

Members discussed making fuller use of the repeater controller for things like club announcements and news bulletins. Charles, KK4HOK, gave some examples of what other clubs have done.

At this point a great deal of round table discussion was given on final things for the Field Day that will commence tomorrow at 2 PM ET. As many as can, should be at the meeting site at 10 AM to begin setting up. Various ones gave a tally of things they were bringing. We should be covered, but the very location makes a quick trip to get something easy to do. Remember we are setting up Field Day on the grounds at the *Museum of the Waxhaws*. Located at: 8215 Waxhaw Hwy., Waxhaw, North Carolina

Thinking about a program for a future meeting, Bill said that he was looking into inviting a speaker known for his expertise in ARES. This is a focus the club feels a need to assimilate. More on this subject at another time.

Finally, point was made that we'll need to work on our constitution in regards to the meeting day and time being locked. A future time will be set aside to make changes that allow flexibility in the meeting calendar.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30

Respectfully Submitted,

Leon,

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