

## MINUTES for UCARS March 2017 Meeting

**Bill Foust, KB4NET**, opened the meeting at 7:03 PM with 15 Members.

### Members attending:

Bill Foust KB4NET	David Funderburk N4DKF	Norm Beasley K04CB
Paul Corso KK4PIB	Jim King KK4AWQ	Henry Hicks KM4YMY
Ricardo Fisher KM4QJO	Alfred KoKoszczyński KC2GZI	Brad Cansler AK4RE
Andy Kabasakalian WB2WZC	David Higgs K3WL	Alan Meeker KM4ZLD
Rick Lanier KN4AGI	David Keever K8IP	Galen Stutzman K4CAN

### **Treasurer's Report: Current Balance \$ 1,971.54**

- 1) The Treasurer's Report was given
- 2) Bill opened the meeting with announcements:
  - a. Hamfest Sales produced \$60 for the club.
  - b. Recognized Alan Meeker for passing his General Class license
  - c. Acknowledged Rick Lanier (KN4AGI) as a visitor
- 3) Bill discussed the Hamfest and the success that was had. Sales were close to \$2,000.
- 4) Upcoming Hamfest were announced including Rock Hill, Raleigh, Conway, SC, Salisbury and Shelby.
- 5) Bill mentioned that TwoWayRadio in Rock Hill will give a discount to anyone from the Club that mentions it to them at purchase.
- 6) The next VE session at UCARS will be held on April 15.
- 7) The Boy Scout Jamboree participation is being investigated by Jim King. Jim advised that no definitive info is available now. He will continue to follow the plans.
- 8) Henry Hicks gave a report on the Technician class being held in Stallings.
- 9) Paul Corso gave an update on the Union County Sheriff's Department monitoring service for lost individuals. Sargent Griffin from the Sheriff's Department will attend the April meeting for a presentation about the service and a demonstration of the equipment. Paul ask that we have a receiver to monitor the frequency for the test.
- 10) Andy K. gave a status report of the Field Day Committee's progress and their plans and the next steps they are planning.
  - a. There was a discussion of the location of antennas along with request for long runs of coaxial cable from members. No final plans have been made for the antenna systems to be used.
  - b. The committee will be looking for transceivers that can support the Field Day with emphasis on a transceiver suitable for CW.
  - c. Initial plan is to have the CW operations removed from the primary operating positions to minimize distractions.
  - d. Paul Corso will obtain the necessary Permits for Field Day from the town of Wesley Chapel.
- 11) There was a discussion for the use of Ladder line antenna transmission wire versus coax cable, no definitive decision was made.
- 12) Bill had a discussion of Band Pass filters for use at Field Day to minimize interference between stations. Suggestion was made to purchase filters for 80/40/20 meter bands.
- 13) No decision was made on the use of Bandpass filters for 80, 40 and 20 meters for Field Day.

- 14) The 50/50 drawing was held with a \$24.00 amount. David Higgs was the winner and he donated the proceeds to the club's treasury.
- 15) Bill adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

## **COMING EVENTS**

The next **UCARS meeting** will be **April 20, 2017** at the **Red Cross Building, Monroe.**

The next **UCARS breakfast** is **Saturday April 8, 2017** at the Monroe Golden Corral at 9:00 AM.

The next **UCARS VE Session** will be **April 15, 2017**