

## Suwannee Amateur Radio Club - Meeting Minutes - September 3, 2013

A pre meeting Chili dinner was provided by Patsy-KD4BTU which started at 6PM as announced on the website. Thanks Patsy for all the other goodies Brownies, Ice teas etc, too!

Meeting called to order by Pat-WA4VKD with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by David W4SKG.

Attendees: Ron-KK4HGY, Tom-WA4ZET, Pat-WA4VKD, Bill-KC4YMY, John-KE4CQX, James-W4UZZ, Randy-KE4KKM, Wayne-KD8MRC, Ernest-AA1IK, Steve-N2CEI, Sandra-K4SME, Bill-W4NQP, David-W4SKG, Dan-KK4TIN, and Carter-KJ4JIG.

### OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurers Report: Tom-WA4ZET will issue latest bank statements upon receipt via Email. Please inform Tom if you are not receiving these and wish to.

Secretaries Report: Pat-WA4VKD read minutes of the August meeting.

Both reports were accepted by the membership as read.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The club now has 70 more feet of tower thanks to Donald Dillard and the take down crew of Ron-KK4HGY (with First Mate - Mary), Steve-N2CEI, Sandra-K4SME, Jon-KD4AMP, and Pat-WA4VKD. Help was also provided by James, an associate of Jon's, to remove the last guy anchors and bottom section. Tom-WA4ZET and Randy-AJ7G also came by to lend their support.

David-W4SKG acting in capacity of his position as Capital District Emergency Coordinator provided information on linked repeaters which support ARES activities in North Florida and beyond. Documents he provided will be available on a link basis from our website in the near future.

## OLD BUSINESS:

New Club House/Antenna Farm: Steve will provide a complete description of the tower(s)/antenna(s) project immediately following the meeting. Projects planned but not started will be carried under New Business. Rather than announcing club work days on the website, a list of what needs to be done will be displayed. Members indicated they were more likely to participate if they could choose when to do so.

HAM Classes: Ernest-AA1IK provided a Q/A session starting at 4PM and plans to do so each meeting night if participation warrants. Members requiring information for any license class or with any questions related to Ham Radio are welcome. Tom-WA4ZET has volunteered to present a formal Technician License class. He will review existing teaching materials and establish a starting date for the course.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Ham Station(s) project at the club house: Ideas are now being solicited for design of the equipment platforms in the center room. A decision to use formica kitchen-type counters was made and a motion to spend up to \$150.00 to get the project underway was approved.

Christmas Party and ARRL 10 Meter contest: Based on a consensus of the membership we will hold our Christmas Party here at "the farm" during the ARRL 10 Meter contest. Plans for a bonfire and cookout are underway please mark December 14 & 15 on your calendars.

Club house improvements: A motion to spend up to \$100.00 for improvements to the Bathroom facilities was made and approved. These include painting the walls with KILZ and the floor with an epoxy based product specifically for concrete.

New club logo: Charly-KK4OAB designed a new club logo which was passed around for review by the membership. Initial feedback would have repeater callsigns, location and frequencies removed. The idea

being to keep the logo from needing modification if this information changes. Charly will be asked to modify accordingly and present again.

Promoting the club: Activities which bring SARC to the public such as Christmas on the Square and/or a special events station at a state park were discussed. Ron-KK4HGY has already found that the fee for a booth at Christmas on the Square has increased to \$100.00. The issue was tabled for this session.

Meeting adjourned 7:45PM

Steve-N2CEI gave a presentation on the status of the tower/antenna projects now underway at "the farm". A discussion of funding requirements for the project ensued and Steve will continue to look for opportunities to do it right with whatever we can get on a donation basis as well.