

MARC – Mountain Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

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Minutes – 6th February 2019 6:30 PM 67th MARC Meeting

Call to Order: Gene K4ZLK

Welcome to Members and Guests.....

Attendees:

Gene Roll	K4ZLK	(President)
Bob Bonnett	KI4NRZ	(Vice President)
Bob Wilton	KF5TPQ	(Secretary)
Alton Higgins	W4VFZ	
Steve Arnold	KN4AZT	
Chuck Hastings	W3PJ	

Confirmation or Quorum (4)

6members present

Minutes from prior Meeting – Additions, Corrections and Approval by Vote

Treasurers Report – Gigi – KI4OYJ – \$889.59 - Report Approved

Old Business:

1. Chatuge Hospital update – Participated in the first Sunday of the Month Hospital Nets (2-3-2019) on site at Chatuge Regional Hospital. Worked with the Hospital IT and resolved the IP Address/Port issues and Winlink telnet is now working. Will be scheduling another working meeting with IT to resolve the IP Address / Port issues for the D-STAR DVAP software. Met with Dan Wickersham and Wendell Farmer to begin work on a SOP, MOU, BBA between Chatuge Regional Hospital and Towns County ARES. Those that would like to be on the team should pursue their Georgia ARES badge. Instructions are on the GA ARES website – www.gaares.org.
2. Radio Room Update – Kenwood HF radio is set up and working. The 40M switch on the radio is a little finicky, so please be careful. Still need to look at adding a multiband wire antenna. Also need to get an antenna tuner – W4VFZ might have one for us to use. Also, W4VFZ has a Drake TR7A (gifted from Arthur, WA5JFT) for the club after it gets a little TLC
3. ARES Connect – All active Towns County ARES members have registered on the new ARES Connect program and we are actively using it to document sign in to our Net and log hours.
4. Signalink digital interface – It was agreed to re-purpose this to the Kenwood HF radio to support digital modes.
5. Generator – The generator is now working and being tested by Towns County..
6. Chuck discussed that even though propagation is challenging, there are times when the bands are active. Watch for the different contests that take place on certain weekend as you will be able to make multiple contacts.
7. Repeater – Still might need to do some tweaking at the repeater site.
8. Time to line up Officers for the next year.

Steve Arnold – President,

??? – Vice President,

Bob Wilton – Secretary,

Gigi ??? – Treasurer

9. It was decided to investigate a good coax/power pole tool kit that can be purchased by the club and shared with all members.
10. Bob, KF5TPQ did an updated WinLink Presentation including VARA and ARDOP

New Business:

Next Meeting – April 3rd, 2019

Future Presentation – Ohms Law presentation, and Impedance presentation - Alton

Call Motion to Adjourn.

Signed , Bob Wilton, KF5TPQ, acting Secretary