

MARC – Mountain Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

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Minutes – December 4th, 2019, 6:30 PM 72nd MARC Meeting

Call to Order: Bob Bonnett KI4NRZ

Welcome to Members and Guests.....

Attendees:

Bob Bonnett	KI4NRZ	(President)
Gig Smith	KI4OYJ	(Treasurer)
Bob Wilton	KF5TPQ	(Secretary)
Alton Higgins	W4VFZ	
Steve Arnold	KN4AZT	
Chuck Hastings	W3PJ	

Confirmation or Quorum (3)

7 members present

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

Treasurers Report – Gigi – KI4OYJ – \$927.14) - Report Approved

Old Business:

1. Hospital station update.
First Sunday of the month Hospital Nets are ongoing on-site at Chatuge Regional Hospital.

VARA has been re-installed and tested. D-Star Reflector IP address updated on the firewall and this back-up Reflector has also been tested. Winlink Telnet is proving to be a challenge. The Winlink CMS servers use a load balancing front end and keep changing IP addresses dynamically. I am working on connected Matt (IT for the hospital), and Lee (CMS engineer) to work on a viable solution. Note that for last 2 months, our keys were not in the lock box so we could not test at Chatuge..

2. ARES Connect

Members were reminded to log in and sign up for upcoming nets and check-ins. Bob will not go back and add members going forward.

3. Radio Room Update

Alton has supplies available for adding shelves, etc, to make the space more user friendly The old copier needs to be removed. Bob will contact Cliff Bradshaw to have it removed.

4. Equipment Lend

Patrick (KK6DBX) has offered to lend a Kenwood TS590SDX/Panadpater and a Pi based EchoLink interface. We will need to work with Patrick do determine implementation. No update.

5. Generator

Is it really connected to the building ??? Is there an active Transfer Switch)still unknown)

6. Gene Roll, K4ZLK

Gene is moving to Chattanooga and resigned from club and ARES AEC. Club VP position will stay open until the new elections. Bob, KF5TPQ will assist Bob, KI4NRZ until then.

7. Presentation

Thanks Chuck for a great presentation on "Contesting" !!!

New Business:

8. Bob will send out a copy of the ARES Task book to all members.

Next Meeting – February 5th , 2019

Future Presentation – Bob Wilton, KF5TPQ, will do an overview of SkyWarn at the February meeting ???

Call Motion to Adjourn.

Signed , Bob Wilton, KF5TPQ, Secretary