

MOUNTAIN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (MARC)
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December 6 2017
Meeting Minutes

ROLL CALL:

Gene Roll	K4ZLK (President)
GIGI Smith	KI4OYJ (Treasurer)
Bob Wilton	KF5TPQ
Alton Higgins	W4VFZ
Steve Arnold	KN4AZT
Chuck Hastings	W3PJ
Jim Hazen	K4SMW
Quorum	Yes
Guest	none

CALL TO ORDER: K4ZLK called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m

MINUTES AND TEASURERS REPORTS APPROVED

Current Account Balance = \$882.59

OLD BUSINESS:

- (a) Gene, K4ZLK gave us a very interesting review of his recent volunteer trip to Puerto Rico to aid in the Hurricane relief efforts. He shared with us the challenges you have when working in an area immediately following a devastating event. Thank you so much Gene.
- (b) Georgia ARES Hospital Update KF5TPQ, No news from Union or Chatuge Hospitals on equipment acquisition. Hospital net is held the first Sunday of each month. When the HF net starts at approximately 1515 we will begin with the Primary 40 Meter Frequency (7.282.5 LSB). If conditions are poor, at 1525 we will shift to the 80 Meter Primary Frequency (3.982.5 LSB). If conditions are still not usable, at 1535 we will shift back to the 40 Meter Frequency (7.282.5 LSB) etc.

Please note there is a 10 minute time to establish contact on each frequency before we shift to the next. If you haven't heard the net, try the next frequency listed at the 10 minute interval. We will use DSTAR 030B to coordinate frequencies as they shift. We welcome all relays as well.

- (c) EchoLink is currently down due to a hard drive failure in the PC. W4VFZ and KF5TPQ will address this issue and hope to have EchoLink back online in the near future.
- (d) SET 2017 – W4VFZ – Only participated in the Georgia State SET for 2017
- (e) Antenna Project – Fan dipole project is on hold. KF5TPQ can provide a Chameleon EMCOMM II transformer and wire (60 feet) and see how this works and decide how to proceed from there.
- (f) W4VFZ will work on the Kenwoof HF radio and make it available to the club.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Joint Club meeting proposed by K4ZLK but we will need to find a place for the meeting to handle ~20 members from Union and ~8 members from Hiawassee.
- b. K4ZLK proposed that we contact both the Hiawassee High School and Young Harris College and see if there is any interest in a Ham Radio type club.
- c. K4ZLK proposed discussing with Towns County EOC/911 the possibility of installing radio equipment in their Center.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting will be on:

**WEDNESDAY, February 7th 2018,
at 6:30 pm**

CALL FOR MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Arthur WA5JFT Secretary

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