

**GAARC February 4, 2010 Meeting
Gaston County Public Library**

Approved 3-4-2010

President Michael Ledford (AJ4QJ) called the meeting to order at 1915 local time.

Michael acknowledged Cy Rowe (K1CY) for getting us a temporary meeting place at the library due to circumstances.

Treasurer's report was not given due to officer not being at the meeting.

Michael read the minutes from the last meeting. (Posted on website). Motion made by Ken Ledford (AG4EI) to accept the minutes as read and seconded by Milton Rice (KC4YOT). Minutes approved.

Application for Pat Rowe (N4DOX) was brought before the club. Motion by AG4EI to accept the application, second by Brad Sitton (KJ4PAH). Membership accepted.

AG4EI gave the Net Manager's report. Nets are averaging 14-20 check-ins per night. K1CY is controller on the first Wednesday and Susan Melvin (K4ZNX) is on the fourth Wednesday night. The balance in spread between AG4EI and AJ4QJ. If anyone would like to volunteer, see AG4EI. The preamble will be given to the webmaster after review by AJ4QJ.

K1CY gave a report from GCARS. 19 members were present at the February meeting. Mark Thornburg gave program on soldering. The next test session on March 20th, 2010. It was discussed that the Foxhunt also scheduled for that day would be an afternoon Foxhunt.

K4ZNX gave a report on SARC. Susan reported that the next meeting would be Tuesday February 9th at the Shelby Red Cross Building. A special guest will be there to discuss S.A.T.E.R.N. The next Foxhunt will be on February 20th. Susan reported that the District meeting has been postponed to March 6th.

AG4EI and KJ4PAH reported for Gaston County ARES. The ARES club will be sponsoring a Basic Skywarn class and Winter Weather class on February 27th at 10:30am at the Gaston County EOC building.

AJ4QJ briefly discussed Old Business of the flyers and handouts that have been printed up. Michael brought a picture from *The Gazette* of the last foxhunt. Compliments were passed on the new look for the website.

New business: Michael asked the club if anyone is able to help Tom Agerton (AJ4RP) with any items to please do so. The potential for committees to come. The club is looking into getting a banner for various events down the road. Tom agreed to look into

pricing and design. Club hats and shirts are also being looked at as well. The potential to help out with various programs providing communication is there for the club to tap into. The idea for a mini field day was discussed as well. For the day of the Christmas Parade, the majority felt it was best that the net controller for the parade be stationary for the duration of service. Also discussed doing a dry run of communication prior to the parade as well. Doing a club auction was brought up. Also looking into a new ham package. Michael suggested the club start getting ideas for Field Day this year. K1CY suggested that each club involved would appoint a liaison from each club to act in the interest of the represented club.

K4ZNX announced that May 22nd will be the Kings Mountain Triathlon.

With no further business to discuss, Milton Rice (KC4YOT) gave a program on fiber optics.

After the program the meeting was adjourned at 2100 local time.

Respectfully submitted by Brad Sitton (KJ4PAH)