

BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB
MEETING MINUTES : 26 January 2010

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Meeting Called to Order at 7:12 PM by Bill, KJ4EX, President

16 members Present, 2 Guests

Introductions were made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS - New Membership applications were handed out to update the club information database and obtain information on interests and capabilities of the Club membership.

2010 BARES PLANNING CALENDAR - Copies of the 2010 Planning calendar for the Club were handed out. If there are any updates, changes or possible additions for the Club to consider, please contact Steve, N5SMD, or Bill, KJ4EX.

BARES WEAR AVAILABLE - Copies of the NEW BARES WEAR order forms were also made available, for any additional information on the clothing, please contact Bill, KJ4EX. Place your order at the meeting, and it will be delivered at the next meeting. Embroidered Polo Shirts, Embroidered T-Shirts, and Embroidered Hats are available. Steve, N5SMD is the point of contact for Official BARES coffee cups.

The above items, and more, are available on the BARES website at www.barrowhamradio.org .

SKYWARN – Al, WX4BCW has resigned his position as Barrow County ARES Skywarn Coordinator. Cal, K4JSR will conduct the program until a replacement volunteers.

NEW CLUB NET ON VHF – The BARES Club Net will meet on Monday evenings at 8:30 on the WR4BC Repeater on 145.130 (-) downshift. This Net is a roundtable “chat” net for club members to share information, and discuss Ham Radio topics. Steve, N5SMD is the Net Control, and encourages others to give it a try.

SKYWARN NET ON VHF – The BARES SKYWARN Training Net will begin on Wednesday 3 February at 7:30 PM on the WR4BC Repeater on 145.130 (-) downshift. Skywarn specific Training and items of discussion will be explained, as well as Net Operations. Cal, K4JSR is the Net Control.

ARES MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – Cal, K4JSR, requested all ARES members complete a membership renewal form for 2010. Forms were available at the meeting, or can be obtained from Cal via E-Mail at cneff1@windstream.net .

CERT TRAINING – Cal, K4JSR reports that the next CERT Training Class will begin on February 11th. Classes will be conducted on Thursday nights, and run for 8 weeks. Contact Cal for additional information or to sign up.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont'd) –

STATE-WIDE TORNADO DRILL FEBRUARY 3rd – The Statewide Tornado drill has been cancelled for this year, due to new requirements by the FCC for the National Weather Service to obtain a waiver to use various media outlets in the drill. ARES will conduct a Skywarn Net beginning at 9 AM anyway, as will many counties. Tune in to HF and or your local ARES VHF repeater to participation.

BARROW REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER RADIO ROOM – Jere, N4DQ has the station up and running, the exception being an HF antenna system. Plans to have an antenna party on Saturday the 30th of January have been postponed. Jere took interested parties on a tour of the station after the meeting.

BARES CERTIFICATE – On this date, Bill, KJ4EX, President of BARES, presented Cal, K4JSR with a BARES Certificate of Appreciation for his work over the past two years as Inaugural President of BARES. A Photo of the presentation will be placed on the web site. THANKS CAL !!

OFFICIAL –

Meeting Minutes of 24 November 2009 – Motion and second to forego the reading of the November 2009 minutes, and accept as posted. Passed

Treasurers Report – Dave, KJ4DDZ & Bill, KJ4EX – We are in receipt of the Treasury, will balance, and make needed changes as a result of treasurer change. Bill, KJ4EX, estimated the balance at about \$400, based on last documented report and known expenses since then, less deposits he's holding.

Pending Expenditures – We have an approved motion to purchase a Video Projector for the Club, to use in Ham Classes, Presentations, and as needed. The Executive Committee will address at the treasury grows to an acceptable level to make the purchase.

TRAINING REPORT –

GENERAL CLASS HAM CLASS UNDER WAY – General Class classes are currently under way, it's still not too late to join in, books are available and you would have a little bit of catching up to do. Classes are held every Thursday evening at the Mormon Church in Winder. Contact Cal Neff, K4JSR for info.

ONE-DAY TECHNICIAN HAM CLASS – Will be held on Saturday February 20th, at the JD Withers Building in Auburn. Contact Cal, K4JSR for info. Open VE Testing Session to follow at 3 PM.

OLD BUSINESS –

ARRL AFILIATION – One of the older items of Business, that is on the top of the list of the new President. Bill, KJ4EX advised that ARRL Club Affiliation will be actively pursued, and that 50%

of the club membership needs to be ARRL members. (Application was sent to ARRL on January 28th – Bill)

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NEW BUSINESS

No new business tonight.

PRESENTATION

QRP OPERATION – RICH ARLAND, K7SZ – Rich generously donated all three editions of “Low Power Communications” as a door prize tonight, along with a 15 month CQ Ham Radio Calendar, with great station, antenna, and operating pictures. – The presentation was just outstanding. QRP is using a transmitter with the output power of less than 5 watts. You can optimize your low power station by using efficient antennas, effective calling techniques, and many other means. The Book(s) above are must read. Many QRP nets in operation and many DX stations seek out QRP stations. Jere, N4DQ was the deserving winner of the book set, and Berk, KB4JEH the Calendar. BIG BARES Thanks Rich, and congrats to the winners of the door prizes tonight.

CLOSING –

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, motion passed by vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Tuesday, February the 23rd, 2010, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center. Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Respectfully Recorded by
Rebecca Wood, KJ4IDI
Secretary, Barrow Amateur Radio Emergency Services Club

BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB
MEETING MINUTES : 23 February 2010

www.barrowhamradio.org

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM by Bill Wilson, KJ4EX, President

18 members Present, 6 Guests

Introductions were made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

BARES WEAR AVAILABLE – Bill, KJ4EX announced that BARES Wear Orders received at one meeting, will be delivered at the following months meeting. Club Public Events are fast approaching, order your BARES Wear soon. BARES Wear order forms, and more, are available on the BARES website at www.barrowhamradio.org .

ARES SKYWARN – Currently an Open position, seeking volunteers.

BARES Georgia QSO Party Operation and BBQ – On April 10th and 11th, BARES will participate in the Georgia QSO Party, sponsored by the South East DX Club. We will represent Barrow County. At 5 PM on Saturday, we will have a BBQ (burgers and dogs), and need others to sign up to bring side-dishes. Chips, sodas, salads, bean, potato salad, etc. Contact Laura, K4TGR at < nctinms@yahoo.com > for your head count and side item.

ARRL Field Day 2010 – Bill, KJ4EX and Steve, N5SMD are preparing the facilities use application for the Club to use the J.H. Burel Pavilion in down town Auburn for Field day. The application must be turned in by March 9th. We expect a response within the month of March. In the mean time, alternate locations are being explored in the event our request is denied.

OFFICIAL –

Meeting Minutes of 24 November 2009 – Motion by KJ4IDJ and second by W4IMD to forego the reading of the January 2010 minutes, and accept as posted. Passed

Treasurers Report – Dave, KJ4DDZ & Bill, KJ4EX – Balance as of the end of January was \$825.01. Expenses - \$68 for administrative Supply and files kit. Deposits - \$60 in dues collected at the February Meeting. Resulting balance of \$817.01.

TRAINING REPORT –

GENERAL CLASS HAM CLASS UNDER WAY – Classes are held every Thursday evening at the Mormon Church in Winder. Contact Cal Neff, K4JSR for info.

BARES VE Program – Steve, N5SMD – Some recent location changes for BARES VE Testing, check the web site www.barrowhamradio.org for the latest details.

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OLD BUSINESS –

ARRL AFILIATION – Application was received by the ARRL, and will take 6 to 8 weeks to process as there is a vote required. All materials have been received, it's now a wait. As soon as our initial application is approved and posted, I will submit our application for "Special Service Club" status, for our Public Service.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business tonight.

PRESENTATION

No Presentation scheduled for tonight, we will enjoy some Social Time instead, after the official meeting, over Cookies and Coke.

CLOSING –

Motion was made by W4WYI and seconded by KJ4IDJ to adjourn the meeting, motion passed by vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March the 23rd, 2010, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center. Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Respectfully Recorded by
Rebecca Wood, KJ4IDI
Secretary, Barrow Amateur Radio Emergency Services Club

BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB
MEETING MINUTES : 23 March 2010
www.barrowhamradio.org

Meeting Called to Order at 7:15 PM by Bill Wilson, KJ4EX, President

18 members Present

Introductions were made.

OFFICIAL –

Meeting Minutes of 23 February 2010 – Motion by KB4JEH and second by WD4AVA to forego the reading of the February 2010 minutes, and accept as posted. Passed

Treasurer's Report – Dave, KJ4DDZ & Bill, KJ4EX – Balance as of the end of February was \$803.14. The Club Purchase of a Projector is in the works, estimated charges of \$390. Also pending is payment of the usage fee for the Field Day site in Auburn, of \$100. Dues are DUE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

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TRAINING REPORT –

BARES VE Program – Steve, N5SMD – VE Report for last weeks testing session, 4 in Attendance, 1 tech passed, and 1 upgrade to general.

OLD BUSINESS –

ARES SKYWARN – Currently an Open position, seeking volunteers.

BARES Georgia QSO Party Operation and BBQ – On April 10th and 11th, BARES will participate in the Georgia QSO Party, sponsored by the South East DX Club. We will represent Barrow County. At 5 PM on Saturday, we will have a BBQ (burgers and dogs), and need others to sign up to bring side dishes. Chips, sodas, salads, beans, potato salad, etc. Contact Laura, K4TGR at < nctinms@yahoo.com > for your head count and side item.

ARRL Field Day 2010 – Bill, KJ4EX and Steve, N5SMD continue to negotiate the reservation for the R.H. Burel Pavilion in Auburn for Field Day. Fee will be \$100 for the 48-hour period commencing at 4 PM Friday the 25th of June, and ending at 4 PM Sunday the 27th of June. Bill will coordinate the reservation and payment with the City of Auburn.

ARRL AFILIATION – No updates, will start stirring the pot with our Section Chief, Gene, W4AYK, and also generate some more emails to ARRL HQ. Don't know what else to do at this point.

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NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOTE - At the recent Executive Committee meeting, the Committee voted to present for a vote to the Club, the Presentation of Honorary Lifetime Membership, to Kathryn Tyrell, N1INC. A motion was made and seconded, vote was unanimous. Bill – KJ4EX, will prepare the Certificate and coordinate delivery.

The Awards and Recognition Committee will be those who step forward and take the lead in Club operations, events, taskings, and more. This is a two-person committee, and all sales are final. It's nice to get that Pat on the back every once in a while, it's going to be a tough job to tell you the truth.

Hospital Day ?? - Any member with information regarding Hospital Day please let the Officers know. We will contact Jere Couch, N4DQ and see if he has any feel for it.

Public Service Day ?? – Info ??

Six Skywarn Training Certificates were handed out, good job! Only Skywarn trained Hams are able to participate in the Skywarn Nets when called, except in the event of an emergency or untrained spotter report of severe weather. Get Trained, it's fast, easy, and worth the effort.

SKYWARN INFO - Bill – KJ4EX, had prepared some Skywarn information, and handed it out to all in an effort to spread the word regarding basic spotter activations and reporting criteria.

PRESENTATION

We were unable to secure the Hospitals Projector for this evenings presentation, Dennis, WN4AZY and Fe, N6MRQ were able to supply a couple of flat-panel displays for use in tonight's presentations. Thanks !!

Steve, N5SMD – Contesting Techniques and Field Day. – Steve discussed operating techniques, Sitter versus Hunter techniques, scoring, rules, and simple things to make your operating time more enjoyable. Bandwidth versus license class, Search and Pounce, Pick a spot and stop, Busting Pile-Ups, and Band closing and openings.

Bill, KJ4EX – Basic Antenna Radiation Patterns Explained – Discussed how antenna height effects radiation angles, differences in radiation patterns of Verticals, Dipoles, beams, and Skywave loops. Related DB gain references to practical applications, and recommended that everybody get their hands on an ARRL Antenna Handbook, regardless of its age, for additional valuable information.

(Bill – We both hope to make these presentations again at a later date, with the projector and larger images for all to see)

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CLOSING –

Bill – KJ4EX – Closing comments, reminded everybody about the GA QSO party and BARES Spring BBQ in a couple of weeks. Also reminded everybody that the Logic8 logging program we will be using for Field Day will also be used during the QSO party, to help everybody re-familiarize themselves with the application.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Tuesday, April the 27th, 2010, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center. Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, motion passed by vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully Recorded by
Rebecca Wood, KJ4IDI
Secretary, BARES

And Transcribed by
Laura Campbell, K4TGR
Secretary, Pro-Tem, BARES

BARROW AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES CLUB
MEETING MINUTES : 27 April 2010
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Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM by Bill Wilson, KJ4EX, President

20 members Present

Introductions were made.

OFFICIAL –

Meeting Minutes of 23 March 2010 – Bill, KJ4EX advised that the minutes had not been transcribed yet, just not enough hours in a day. They will be posted before the next meeting and voted on then. Motion to table item made by Berk, KB4JEH, and seconded by Jim, KJ4IDJ until the May Meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Dave, KJ4DDZ – Current Balance is \$470.00. Disbursements : \$100 to the City of Auburn for use of the R.H. Burel Pavilion for Field Day, and \$390.00 to Bill Wilson, KJ4EX as reimbursement for the NEW Club Projector. Dues are DUE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

BARES WEAR AVAILABLE – Bill, KJ4EX announced that Field Day is fast approaching, and orders need to be made soon. BARES Wear order forms, and more, are available on the BARES website at www.barrowhamradio.org.

TRAINING/VE REPORT –

BARES VE Program – Steve, N5SMD – VE Report for the April testing session, 3 passed Technician Class Exam, and 2 upgrades to General Class. Congrats to all. The next testing session will be on May 15th at 3:00 PM at the Auburn Courtroom.

OLD BUSINESS –

ARES SKYWARN – Bill, KJ4EX, has volunteered and been accepted by Jere Couch, N4DQ, the Barrow County ARES EC, as the Barrow County ARES Skywarn Coordinator. Bill has prepared a Barrow County Skywarn Guide for use by Trained Spotters in the group, and has shared them via email to all known Spotters and all BARES members for general information. The web site has also been updated with this information.

BARES Georgia QSO Party Operation and BBQ – A GREAT SUCCESS !! We had lots of fun with our dipoles and BBQ grill, lots of food, fun and fellowship. Big thanks to all who participated, look forward to next year. Now that we have the first one under our belt, it's down hill from here. Also Collin Campbell, son of Laura Campbell, K4TGR, passed his Technician Exam during the event, can't wait to see what he does for Field Day.

ARRL Field Day 2010 – Bill, KJ4EX – We're lock in with the reservation for the R.H. Burel Pavilion in Auburn for Field Day. We will occupy the site for the 48-hour period commencing at 4 PM Friday the 25th of June, and ending at 4 PM Sunday the 27th of June. Our next Club meeting will be our Primary Planning Meeting, and the June Club Meeting will be our Crisis meeting. Contact Bill, KJ4EX to volunteer your expertise in any of the numerous areas of need.

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OLD BUSINESS – (cont'd)

ARRL AFILIATION – Bill, KJ4EX - Big Setback. The ARRL has called us on the use of ARES in BARES, and Amateur Radio Emergency Services in our Clubs name. As it turns out, both are registered trademarks of the ARRL ARES Program, and by including/using them in our name we are infringing upon their trademark. The Executive Committee will discuss further, as it stands now we are seriously contemplating changing the Club Name through a complete revision of the existing Constitution and By-Laws. More to come, watch your email.

NEW BUSINESS

CERTIFICATES – Bill, KJ4EX showed off the Certificate that will be presented to Kathryn Tyrell, N1INC for Honorary Lifetime Membership, and the Certificates of Appreciation to the Towns of Statham for Field Day 2009, and Carl for the Georgia QSO Party facility use earlier this month. Delivery will be made very soon.

SKYWARN INFO - Bill – KJ4EX, had prepared some DETAILED Skywarn information, and handed it out to all in an effort to spread the word regarding basic spotter activations and reporting criteria. Closed SKYWARN Nets are open ONLY to trained Spotters, so get trained :)...

PRESENTATION

Understanding HF Receivers – presented by Jim Stafford, W4QO, 2010 Dayton Ham of the Year – What a treat. Jim presented quite a slide show with our new projector, starting with basic crystal receivers all the way through many with a “few” bells and whistles. He highlighted filter usage, split tuning, RIT, and many other receiver tuning techniques for us to get the most out of them. He discussed using a TX shift to improve your DX contact rates, and also demonstrated QRP CW using FLDigi, and had many Club members involved with the demonstrations. Afterwards he answered questions from the members. A great Treat Jim, look forward to seeing you again soon.

CLOSING –

Bill – KJ4EX – Closing comments, reminded everybody that Field Day is less than two months away, and that the May and June meetings will be addressing those plans.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Tuesday, May the 25th, 2010, third floor conference room at the Barrow Regional Medical Center. Meetings are regularly scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, motion passed by vote. Meeting adjourned, refreshments served.

Respectfully Submitted
Laura Campbell, K4TGR
Secretary, Pro-Tem, BARES

BARES

May 25, 2010

Stated Meeting

Barrow County Regional Medical

13 In Attendance and tickets given to each

The meeting began at 7:00 with a welcome from our President, Bill, KJ4EX and introductions.

A motion was asked to approve the minutes from the March meeting, and was made by Burke, KB4JEH and seconded. They were approved by vote of the members. A motion was then made by Steve, N5SMD to approve the minutes from the April meeting. It was seconded and also carried by show of hands.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance On Hand: \$513.15

With the balance in mind the motion was made by Cal, KJ4SR to rent a port-a-potty for Field Day, it was seconded and carried by unanimous vote of the members. Burke, KB4JEH is to look into the details.

Announcements:

- (1) Field Day is 30 days from this date...preparations should be getting made.
- (2) This will be the last order for BARES wear. No other orders will be made until the name of the club has been officially changed.
- (3) Antenna Party at Don's (K9CRB) house Friday, 6 or 7

VEC Report:

Steve, N5SMD reported that we had two new Technician and one upgrade to General

Old Business:

Bill, KJ4EX has informed the club that we need to change our name due to a copyright infringement of the A.R.E.S. Program. All members were sent an e-mail with the by-laws and prospective changes that are to be made. The floor is open for alternative names. Two that were presented were: Barrow Amateur Radio Club or B.A.R.C and Barrow Amateur Radio Society or B.A.R.S. Bill will only be accepting one prospective name for the club from each member. These will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

Other changes:

- (1) Deletion of Section #7 of by-laws
- (2) Amendment to Article #3
- (3) Addition of clause that requires prospective officers to be members of the club for two or more years.
- (4) Making the following an addition to the membership application:
"I have read and understand the Constitution and By-laws of the club, will abide by them, and adhere to the decisions of the Executive Committee as the governing body of this organization."

Signed _____ Date _____

****These proposed changes are available for viewing on the club website. All members are encouraged to read them and be prepared to make any questions, comments, or arguments before the vote at the next meeting.**

Please be aware that even though the name will change, we will still render support to those that request it A.R.E.S., C.E.R.T....ect.

New Business:

Field Day Preparations: Bill, KJ4EX shared pictures of the pavillion in Auburn that will be our site of operations. There is shade and room for all the stations with antennas as well as the GOTA station. There will be 5 tables for communications, one table for the GOTA station, one or two for food, one for digital communications, and a welcome table. Bill, KJ4EX or Steve, N5SMD will look into the parking situation. He informed us that we will be using code 5A GA while making contacts, including the GOTA station.

Digital communications will include PSK, RTTY, CW and may double as VHF.

Bill, KJ4EX presented maps and diagrams that for Field Day set-up and a ARRL section map for reference. Also a sheet with section codes was given out for reference during Field Day. Please be sure to log correctly for scoring purposes.

A list of team Captains was given out that included their duties of their station.

The ARRL Webinar was May 19th. Lots of helpful information was presented and a copy was ordered and will be presented at the next meeting for help in Field Day preparations.

We will be bringing food. Bill has a sign up sheet. Just call him or send him an e-mail with your selections. The RV will be there for food storage and escape from the heat. We will need lots of liquids to keep us hydrated as it may get really hot.

Burke will be getting a ARRL press kit so we can get some publicity for the event and the club.

One last reminder for the event: **KEEP ON THE LOOKOUT FOR VISITORS.**

****For reference, all of the Field Day information and maps are available on the club website. Keep checking it, and your e-mails for updates.**

Other Business:

Hurricane Season is here!!! SkyWarn members keep aware!

Ticket was drawn and Cal, K4JSR is the proud new owner of a BARES hat. (soon to be a relic)

Programs/Presentations:

None Tonight

Adjourn Meeting:

With no further business to be presented, Burke, KB4JEH made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was approved by vote of the membership at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Laura J. Campbell, K4TGR, Secretary

BARES

June 22, 2010

Stated Meeting

Barrow County Regional Medical

12 In Attendance

The meeting began at 7:00 PM with a welcome from Vice President, Steven Donellan, N5SMD, and introductions of those in attendance.

A motion was asked to approve the minutes from the May meeting, and was made by Cal, K4JSR and seconded. They were approved by vote of the members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance On Hand: \$470.00

Cal gave the treasurer \$24 from the purchase of a manual and Laura, K4TGR, gave the club a bill for \$80.50 for the printing of Field Day postcards and postage. A motion was made by Cal to reimburse Laura, and was seconded. Vote by members approved the motion.

Announcements:

- (1) Bill and his family are caring for his daughter and they should be remembered in our thoughts and prayers.
- (2) Field Day operations begin this weekend (June 26th and 27th) at the Burel Pavilion in Auburn, GA. Set up will be 4pm until dark on Friday. Operations will begin around 2pm on Saturday.
- (3) Cal volunteered to provide Saturday lunch (hot dogs and accompaniments) we will need a volunteer for the drinks.

VEC Report:

Steve, N5SMD reported that at the last testing session there were 8 VE's in attendance and there were 9 Technician, 1 General and 2 Extra upgrades.

Old Business:

The floor was opened for discussion on the name change of the club. The suggested names submitted for vote are B.A.R.C. (Barrow Amateur Radio Club) and B.A.R.S. (Barrow Amateur Radio Society).

It was noted that there were several Proxy votes on hand to consider when voting, and Cal announced that Katherine Tyrel had enlisted him to vote by proxy for her. Votes were cast it was a tie. With BARC having 9, and BARS having 9. This is including ALL proxy votes that were on hand at the time.

The discussion began on the suggested changes to the amendments of the by-laws. There was problems with the part that suggested that potential future officers should be a member for two years or more. With too many opinions and discussion among the members, it was suggested by Cal that the changes be tabled until a future time. Mark Barrows, KJ4RYU, made the motion to table all business concerning the changing of the by-laws and Sylvia seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

New Business:

Steve presented some operating tips and a beam chart for the upcoming Field Day event. The call signs to be used are the club sign, WR4C and K4TGR for the GOTA station.

Signs are in place in the towns of Auburn and Carl and other locations, and the event has been publicized in local papers, and Burke has gotten brochures and information from the ARRL for our welcome table.

The Port-A-Potty will be delivered to the site on Friday morning.

Auburn Troop 774, BSA contacted Steve and asked the club to assist in the JOTA event and to hold a session for the scouts to earn their Radio & Communications Merit Badges. Loganville and Winder Troops will be contacted and asked if they would like to participate. The troops were invited to visit during Field Day to get a introduction to Amateur Radio.

Other Business:

Cal announced that Public Safety Day for Barrow County will be on July 17 at the new shopping center in Bethlehem. He will look into the details and get information regarding our participation in the event.

Mark Barrows announced that he is looking for an I-Com 718 and if anyone has information on one to please contact him.

Programs/Presentations:

After the meeting Steve will present a DVD recording of the ARRL Field Day planning webinar that was held on May 19.

Adjourn Meeting:

With no further business to be presented, Dennis made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Rich, and approved by show of hands at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Laura J. Campbell, K4TGR
Secretary

BARES

July 27, 2010

Stated Meeting

Barrow County Regional Medical

13 In Attendance (Proxy forms: 4) Total in attendance including proxy's: 17

The meeting began at 7:00 PM with a welcome from President, Bill Wilson, KJ4EX, and introductions of those in attendance.

A motion was asked to approve the minutes from the June meeting, and was made by Cal, K4JSR and seconded by Jim, KJ4IDJ. They were approved by vote of the members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance On Hand: \$241.70

Dave, KJ4DDZ was not able to attend this meeting. He texted the Secretary the bank balance and also noted that he had gotten statements for the last several months for the files.

special note At this meeting, the Secretary took \$20.00 in dues for a new member and gave it to Bill.

Announcements:

- (1) Cal finalized plans for our Christmas Breakfast. It will be December 18th at Golden Corral in Winder, 9:00 to 10:30 AM.
- (2) Deadline has passed for Field Day scoring, we were unable to get all the information on contacts before the deadline passed.
- (3) Cal is looking to start a new class for General or Extra. A survey will be sent and the class will be the one with the most interest.
- (4) Steve, N5SMD, is in the process of setting up speakers for our meeting presentations. He suggested Charles Pennington with traffic control or Dave Johnson and his DX presentation. October is open for suggestions. One option would be the Scarborough Reef presentation and the CQ World Wide DX Contest.

VE Report:

Steve, N5SMD reported that at the last testing there were 1 General and 2 Extra upgrades, and we had 2 people pass the Technician license test during Field Day.

Steve also announced upcoming tests dates:

August and September- will be the 3rd Saturday of these months

October and November- will be the 2nd Saturday of these months

No testing in December, and he is trying to schedule with the City of Auburn for the 3rd Saturday of each month for 2011.

Old Business:

The floor was opened for discussion. It was made clear that at this meeting we will start a new club with a new name, and this new one club formed will supersede the old club (BARES), and a new Charter, Constitution and By-laws would be adopted in the formation of this new club.

Included in the discussion was the reason for the name change, and the members were reminded that this was a social club for amateur radio operators and those interested, and that we were a resource pool to the community and emergency organizations.

The motion was made to disband Barrow Amateur Radio Emergency Services club (B.A.R.E.S.) and its Constitution and By-laws by Cal, K4JSR and was seconded by Jim. This motion was approved by members present.

Jim made the motion to adopt the new Constitution and By-laws submitted and the formation of a new club. Steve seconded this and it was approved by members present.

The motion was made by Cal to accept the previous officers of BARES radio club as standing officers of the "New Club", and it was seconded by Dennis, WN4AZY. This motion was approved by membership present.

Steve made the motion to accept all previous members of BARES radio club in good standing as active members of the "New Club", it was seconded by Jim and approved by voting members present.

At this time discussion was opened for the naming of the newly formed "Club". Choices were Barrow Amateur Radio Society or BARS and Barrow Amateur Radio Club or BARC. It was announced previous to the meeting that proxy votes would be allowed if members were not able to attend the meeting and they must be in e-mail form or handwritten. This would be a written ballot as opposed to "show of hands". Collin, KJ4UFC was appointed teller for this ballot.

Votes were cast and BARC was voted club name by a vote of 11 to 7. All ballots, (including proxy's), will be kept for six months in event of a challenge.

New Business:

The following Fall Event schedule was discussed.

September 11- Jug Tavern Festival in Winder.

Bill will be the Chair for this event

September 18 - Statham Sunflower Festival.

Bill will also Chair this event.. There is the possibility of loud music to interfere with operations and Bill said he would look into placing us far enough away from the stage.

September 25 - Auburn Troop 774 and Loganville Troop 535 would like us to host a Merit Badge class. A specific date will be determined, possibly JOTA weekend.

Steve and Marty, KD4HLV are to be Co-Chairs for this.

October 9 - Bethlehem Star Festival. This is an art and craft type of festival and there are no plans to participate, but the club will support anyone that would like to.

October 16 & 17 - (Troops 774 & 535): 53rd Jamboree On The Air will take place. This is also at the same time as the NE GA Council Fall Jamboree. No troop as of yet sponsoring us, no plans to participate.

The Nominating Committee for our club meets in October, so everyone should be thinking of the office they would like to hold, or the person they would like to hold a position.

November 6 & 7 - Stone Mountain Ham Fest: Our club will have a table at this event. To advertise our club we will have a poster board with pictures from other events, membership applications and trinkets. May have base station set up at eh table too.

Chairs for this are: Bill, Steve and Marty.

November 23 - Regular meeting of club: Elections for the ensuing year. Plan to attend.

December 4 - Winder Christmas Parade. We are planning to participate as radio checkpoints as we did last year. We need a chairperson for this. (Cal?)

December 4 & 5 - Bethlehem Christmas Radio Operation. Location to be determined. We will use the club callsign (W4RBC) There will be special event QSL's made. Need ideas for card. All bands operating and 2 people working the radio.

This will take place at the same time as the Parade in Winder and will run through parade time.

Sub-Committees will be appointed by the Chairs: Bill and Steve.

January - GARS Tech Fest. We have made arrangements to attend, but have not chosen a topic. We have discussed the possibility of a Fox Hunt for the kids. Will entertain discussion of prizes, age groups or other ideas at a future meeting.

Other Business:

Now that the new club has an official name the officers will start the process of renaming applications and updating website, and other club property.

Programs/Presentations:

None Tonight

Adjourn Meeting:

A motion was made by Steve to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Jim. Motion was approved by show of hands.

Respectfully Submitted:

Laura J. Campbell, K4TGR

Secretary

Notice

The notes taken for this meeting, including, handouts, sign in sheet and other relevant materials are included with the hard copy of these minutes kept on file with the Secretary.