

OCRA Minutes March 11, 2003

Attending Members:

Joe K4SAR, Dan KR4UB, Robert N4ZAK, Dee KU4GC, Amy no call, Noah KG4DVN, Karen KD4YJZ, Dave W4SAR, Milt W4MDF, Dave NA4VY, Larry W4ST, Brian KG6MBU, Justin KD4CPM, Mark W4CHL, Gerry KD4YJV, Russ KF4WXD, Ted KD4NBB, Grace KF4TMS, Bill KM4UO, Bill KJ6DJ, Chris KG4HNC, Chris KG4CFX, Bob KE4ZBX

The club decided to rent two tables at RARSFEST on 4/13.

The club decided to rent one tables at DurhamFest on 5/10. Dee will reserve and lay out the fee.

Hog Day in Hillsborough will be on June21 and we will try to coordinate this with Kids Day-we will use the call W4UNC. Chris will get application for a spot for us to set up. Joe requested the OCRA handout from last year and will update it.

Mark is in the process of setting up PayPal on the website and is finding out the minimum transaction charge.

Dave will be following up on the Red Cross antenna pole at the RC board meeting.

Dave is working on the log book for the RC shelters.

Field Day and Hog Day - Joe and Chris will be co-chairmen and work out the details between the two events.

Piedmont Electric- Gift certificate for driver of bucket truck? Plaque for office? We need to ascertain company policy.

Dan spoke to engineer at WUNC TV and found out that the new weather service 1 KW transmitter on the tower posed no danger to us when working on the tower.

Dan explained that we had a power conditioner that could not be utilized in our installations and a motion to liquidate it was voted on and passed unanimously.

Dan spoke about the interference to the 145.23 machine from our 144.39 digipeater and will be designing a new circuit PLL and adding a filter.

Dan reported that there is no news on the status of the 6M duplexer.

Dan reported bank balance of \$4026.56

Milt is sending Joe a draft of a letter to be sent on the clubs behalf David Price urging his support for the ARRL bill to preserve amateur radio spectrum.

Mark briefly explained a project at Phillips involving an internet remote base setup. More info can be found at rtp.org/parc.

Gerry proposed that we as a club reaffirm our goals and implementations of equipment and manpower so that we would be able to more efficiently serve ARES when the need arises. The club voted unanimously to form a committee to identify our needs, what strategies we might have to implement to communicate countywide, analyzing the data we have collected through SETs etc. and what equipment we might have to purchase and how we would be able to raise the funds we needed to purchase what we required.

The committee unofficially called “HamLand Security” and officially called “Emergency Communications Needs Assessment Committee” will be chaired by Russ and also will include Gerry, Dave, and Dee.

Russ said that any and all ideas and input would be appreciated and could be emailed to him at rnixon@mindspring.com

NETS

Saturday 9:30 AM 442.150		Monday 8:30 PM 147.135		Monday 9:00 PM 28.38
3/15	KU4GC	3/17	KG4HNC	N4ZAK
3/22	KG4HNC	3/24	K4SAR	K4SAR
3/29	KD4YJV	3/31	K4SAR	K4SAR
4/5	KD4YZ	4/7	KR4UB	KR4UB
4/12	KR4UB			

The next OCRA meeting will be April 14th 2003.

~Bob Stone