

## **CCARS Meeting Minutes for Sunday, December 8, 2013**

CCARS Vice President Andy (AA4XS) called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM.

### **In attendance:**

AA4XS, Andy, Vice President  
AK4VE, Alex  
KA7SQD, Mike  
K4QHR, Pete  
KK4AVB, Bill, Secretary  
Alison, Treasurer

### **Treasurer's report:**

Beginning Balance: \$610.77  
Income: \$0  
Expenses: \$0  
Ending Balance: \$610.77

### **Old business:**

Alex (AK4VE) informed the club members that two of the surplus server cabinets from the MARS station may be sold. Good job Alex.

The members present reviewed the draft CCARS 2014 calendar of events. Several dates of the eating meetings were adjusted to evenly distribute the eating meetings throughout the year. Bill (KK4AVB) will update the calendar and forward to Glenn (W4ULB) for updating the website.

### **CCARS Annual Picnic:**

1. The CCARS annual picnic will be held on the first Saturday of the New Year, January 4, 2014.
2. New location: Howard Peoples in Kingsland (just a couple of blocks down from the fire and rescue station on Gross Road).
3. Reservations for pavilion No. 1 was made by Bill (KK4AVB) on December 1, 2013. A copy of the reservation was e-mailed to all of the club officers.
4. The price remains \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 for family (Parking is free).
5. CCARS will provide BBQ Chicken, Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Soft drinks, and Water.
6. Everyone who comes is asked to bring a side dish or desert.
7. CCARS is requesting someone bring a gas grill for cooking. Please contact Glenn (W4ULB) or Bill (KK4AVB) if you can bring a grill to the picnic.
8. Please RSVP to the CCARS Secretary Bill (KK4AVB) if you will be coming to the picnic. We would like to know how many people in your family will be attending.
9. A Foxhunt is planned after the BBQ.
10. Hope to see everyone there.

### **New Business:**

Election of 2014 Officers will occur at the annual picnic. Any member may run for any officer position. Unfortunately, Andy (AA4XS) informed the membership that he no longer has time to act as the club vice-president. Andy has done a great job over the past few years as vice-president and he will be missed. If you are interested in running for a club officer position, please contact the CCARS secretary, Bill (KK4AVB).

Andy (AA4XS) discussed how the number of people taking the test for Ham Radio has dropped over the past year. Andy is considering reducing the number of testing sessions to every other month, or 6 times per year.

Andy (AA4XS) discussed a number of FCC rule changes that affects Ham Radio operators. Among the proposed changes are making the licenses permanent, shortening the wait times to receive a vanity call sign, and reducing the number of VECs required for testing from the current 3 to only 2.

CCARS Vice President Andy (AA4XS) closed the meeting at 4:10 PM.

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