

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting--17 February 2014
By Terry Brown, Secretary Forsyth Amateur Radio Club

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Jerry Minor, K4GW, at 1950 hours. Meeting was held at Elizabeth's Pizza on 3278 Silas Creek Pkwy.

2. Attendees: Jerry Minor- K4GW, Don Edwards-WS4NC, Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, Jim Adkins-W4UX, Terry Brown-AK4D, Raymond Taber-WX5AAA, Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ, Mike Atkins-N4VE, John Kippee-N0KTY, Bob Gusek-NC4RC, Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT

3. Reading of Minutes from Previous Meetings: In lieu of reading of minutes, club secretary Terry Brown passed out a list of taskers, ie, things to do derived from recent club and business meetings.

4. Treasurer Report: Henry Heidtmann, W2DZO, reported the club balance to be \$3389.99.

5. Miscellaneous Old and New Business Discussion:

a. Field Day at Hobby Park: Henry-W2DZO has reserved Hobby Park for the clubs location for the upcoming Field Day. The club will focus on this location for Field Day, not two locations as was done last year. Bob Gusek-NC4RC and his brother will plan to stay overnight at Field Day.

b. Discussion on Classic Hamfest: Hamfest will be held on 7 June. Jerry has updated the ARRL website on the Hamfest info. Mike Atkins will provide a door prize. Ramon has printed up some promotional material for the hamfest. Material is for vendors who may come as well as attendees. Mike Atkins-N4VE will pass out hamfest announcements at the upcoming Charlotte hamfest.

Discussion was made on testing at the hamfest. VE's helping with this will be Dale-WB9SZL, Terry-AK4D and John-N0KTY.

c. Status of Newsletter: Bob Gusek reported that he had sent the newsletter to Don Edwards yesterday.

d. Electrical Work at the Red Cross: Jerry-K4GW stated that he had talked with Larry Sharp on the electrical work that is needed at the Red Cross to install a projector. Larry is currently busy but will let Jerry know when he is available. Work that will be needed is wiring for generator and to the Red Cross director's office. Jerry will call either Don or Henry for access to the Red Cross when Larry Sharp can do the work. Wiring is not needed for the March member meeting.

e. New Club Projector: Henry-W2DZO reported that the projector had be ordered and should be in soon. He stated that the projector is a WXGA model, wide screen, cost was \$695, has 3000 lumens, network capable and the code mount and adapter were an additional \$200. The projector bulb has an expected lifespan of about four years.

f. Generator Exhaust Location Issue: Don-WS4NC reported that is an issue with the location of the exhaust pipe from the generator. The exhaust area is near the air intake for the Red Cross.

g. Meeting Programs: Jim Adkins, W4UX, gave an update of upcoming meeting programs. Laney Pope is still scheduled for the March meeting. The April meeting will be on LCRAFT antennas, presentation by Don Wilhelm. Henry (W2DZO) reported that a projector will be ready for Laney Pope's presentation. Jerry reported that the order of the meeting will be shifted to permit Laney Pope to do her presentation before any club business discussions.

h. Red Cross Drill: Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT talked about the upcoming Red Cross drill. His info was from Jim Holbrook, Stokes County EMC. Stokes EM is running the drill with the Red Cross. The Red Cross will have a feeding site, a shelter site, a staffing network site and another site. They will be using VHF radio with their guys who are certified by the disaster services technology section. Of their eight certified hams, two will be there which means they will need six more hams to help. Event is a full weekend event, starting at 11 am Friday, 7 March, and runs until noon the following Sunday. They will be needing two hams at each of the four sites. The shelter site most likely will be Camp Hanes, feeding and other sites have not been announced. Hams will get communications via VHF and then will document communications via internet. Jim needed volunteers to help with this. Henry-W2DZO, Don-WS4NC, John-NOKTY, Jim-W4UX, Bob-NC4RC said they may be able to help with this.

i. Outreach Efforts: Henry discussed getting other hams aware of W4NC Live. Carl Bowman, new Section manager is the key for this. Raymond-WX5AAA will send him a note direct on our outreach efforts.

j. Riley Hollingsworth: Don-WS4NC reported that he is still working on inviting Riley Hollingsworth from the FCC to speak at the Classic Hamfest.

k. Forsyth Foundation Grant: Henry-W3DZO reported that this will be done later. The club needs documentation from Forsyth Emergency Management supporting our grant request for purchasing communication hardware. The Forsyth Foundation does not normally provide grants for purchasing equipment. Then the club just needs to update our financial info for the \$12,000 grant request. The grant work is currently secondary, but needs to be sent out later this year.

l. Firewall Issue with Echolink: Henry-W2DZO will work with the Red Cross on getting the firewall issue resolved.

m. Riley Hollingsworth: Don-WS4NC reported that he is still working on inviting Riley Hollingsworth from the FCC to speak at the Classic Hamfest.

n. Alpha Amp: Discussion was held on selling the Alpha Amp. Mike Atkins-N4VE said he would investigate the value of the amp, and try to sell it for the club.

o. Club Anniversary: Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ reminded everyone about the upcoming anniversary of the club (85th in 2015) and to be thinking about something special to do to commemorate this.

p. Cedric Rodney Scholarship: Terry-AK4D reported that he had rewritten the Cedric Rodney Scholarship Grant and had sent it out to the FARC board. This will be included in the upcoming newsletter.

q. Website Discussion: Bob-NC4RC and Jerry-K4GW will be working on converting the club website to a different platform.

r. October Hamfest: Continued concurrence with previous board decision to forgo the October hamfest. The date of the October Hamfest could be open to anyone else who may want to use that date, such as the Vagabonds. Henry-W2DZO will call Janice on this.

s. Club Annual Dues Notices: Club annual dues notices still need to be sent out.

t. Meeting of Next Months Business Meeting: Discussion was held on holding the March business meeting at the Elizabeth's Pizza on Silas Creek Parkway.

6. Meeting Adjournment: Motion was made, seconded and approved with President Jerry Minor adjourning the FARC business meeting at 2038 hours.