

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting—18 August 2014

By Terry Brown (AK4D)—Secretary, Forsyth Amateur Radio Club

1. Attendees: Thirteen attendees: Terry Brown-AK4D, Don Edwards-WS4NC, John Kippee-K1PEE, Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ, Mike Atkins-N4VE, Jerry Minor-K4GW, Dale Mierisch-WB9SZZL, Steven Mierisch-KG4JWU, Jim Atkins-W4UX, Harold Richardson-N4HER, Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, David Shoaf-KC4X and Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT.

2. Call to Order: Meeting, at Oscar's Grill, 3348 Robinhood Road, Winston-Salem, was called to order by President Jerry Minor at 1938 hours.

3. Treasurer Report: Henry Heidtmann, W2DZO, FARC Treasurer reported that all major bills had been paid and the club balance was \$2925.35.

4. Meeting Topics:

a. Future Meeting Topics: A discussion was held on meeting topics for the rest of the year and on potential meeting topics such as grounding. Henry Heidtmann reported that Jeryl Sears would be available to do a presentation on FARC club history at some future meeting. Discussion was also held on not only having future meeting topics planned out, but also having backup topics planned. The number of backups was debated with total primary and backup topics needed ranged from 18 to 24 but the lesser number seemed to be the preferred amount. Future meeting topics for this year are below, but there may be a change in future meeting topics if Riley Hollingsworth-K4ZDH, lifetime FARC member and retired FCC Special Counsel for the Spectrum Enforcement Division, can attend an upcoming FARC meeting.

September: Don Edwards would do a program on surface mount technology and/or making PCB boards,

October: Don Dazo on towers, election business

November: Homebrew Show and tell, officer elections and

December: Holiday banquet (First Monday in December due to a calendar conflict at River Ridge Tapouse Restaurant in Clemmons)

b. Repeater Work Day: Jerry Minor led the discussion on this, stating that a trip to the Sauratown Mountain repeater is needed to assess what work needs to be done and how much time would be needed. Dale Mierisch would accomplish this. Jerry also stated that an amendment to increase the budget previously approved by the board and club on repeater repairs would be needed to also do tower replacement.

c. Ham Classes: Discussion was held on having the club hold amateur radio training classes similar to what both Mike Atkins and Dennis McClure was doing. A general agreement was that the winter months would be a better time for the classes and that classes would focus initially on Technician level classes followed by a progression of higher license level classes.

Discussion was also held on the length of training classes and potential days of each month, possibly the third Monday.

d. HR-4969: Terry Brown reported that he had contacted Rep. Virginia Foxx's office in Washington, DC requesting a meeting in her Clemmons office to discuss HR4969 and that he was told that he would be contacted either Friday, 15 August or Monday, 18 August on scheduling a date. So far, there has been no contact from her office. He also reported that he had contacted Rep. Mike McIntyre's office and Rep. Walter Jones's offices to thank them for co-sponsoring the bill.

e. ARES Report: Jim Mansfield reported on the Tour to Tanglewood event and that he had gotten over half of the volunteers needed lined up. He also reported that the Concord route had some shuffling of route but the stop at Willow Run was no longer scheduled.

f. Arduino Class: Don Edwards stated that the Arduino class held the previous Saturday went well. Some potential attendees had conflicts and could not attend. Another class will be scheduled. Don stated that a class may be held on software used to do circuit boards. Henry Heidtmann stated that the Red Cross meeting room would be available on the third Saturday of September, October or November if needed for the class.

g. Support for Gene Bowman's Family: Discussion was made on what food was needed or gift cards to restaurants to help Gene and family. Henry Heidtmann reported that he had access to a lot of freezer space for temporary storage of frozen meals before transporting the meals to Gene's home. No special dietary needs were indicated. Restaurant locations/names were also well varied. Doc Holliday made a motion to make donations as needed from the club treasury to help with this. The motion was withdrawn when Henry Heidtmann stated that rules governing a 501(c)3 prohibited this.

5. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours.