

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Meeting—10 November 2014

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

1. Call to Order and Welcome: Meeting was called to order by President Jerry Minor, K4GW, at 1918 hours and welcomed FARC members and many visitors to the meeting, approximately 50 total.

2. Announcements/Club Business:

a. Treasurers Report: Henry Heidtmann stated that the club balance was \$2486.64 and all major bills had been paid.

b. Reminder of the FARC December Holiday Dinner Meeting: Henry also reminded everyone of the 1 December FARC Holiday Dinner Meeting at the River Rdige Tap House (Old Big Shotz) in Clemmons.

c. Nomination Committee Actions: David Shoaf, Chairman of the Nomination Committee for FARC officers for the 2015 calendar year, filled everyone in on actions of the committee. He opened the floor for any nominations for the office of President, Vice-President and Secretary. No floor nominations were made. David then stated that existing officers had agreed to continue for another year if needed. A motion was made, seconded and agreed, continuing the 2014 officers into 2015.

d. Repeater Status and Revised Repair Amount: Dale Mierisch stated that all three club repeaters were operational. However, Echolink was only functional on the 145.470 repeater. Efforts were continuing to get Echolink functional on the 146.640 repeater. Dale stated that the work on the Sauratown Mountain repeater will be postponed until the following spring, perhaps as early as March.

e. VE Test Session Report: Dale Mierisch thanked the VE's who helped with the test session prior to the club meeting, Jim Mansfield, John Kippee and Mike Aiken. Dale stated that five test takers had success. There were two new Technician licenses (Camelle Koch-KM4FUI, Garrett R. Zedlar-KM4FUJ), two upgrades to General (Will Clarke-KM4EZI and Joseph H. Bauguess-KM4EJP) and one upgrade to Extra (Andre S. Maikoo-KM4ECV).

g. Arduino Class: Bob Gusek thanked everyone of attending the prior Arduino class and stated that everyone was welcome to attend the next session scheduled for 22 November. The majority of arduino parts ordered had come in.

h. Firstfest Hamfest: David Shoaf reminded everyone that the Firstfest Hamfest was coming up soon and that he would need everyone's help to make this one a success and better than last years hamfest.

i. ARES Report: Jim Mansfield informed everyone about a meeting on 18 November of the County Crisis Communications Teams, including ARES. He would

be attending the meeting as well as Eric Bowen. Jim will pass on information gained at this meeting to FARC. Jim also reminded everyone about the 2 meter simplex sprint contest on 22 November. Info had been emailed out on this. He encouraged everyone to participate.

j. FARC Business Meeting: Bob Gusak reminded everyone about the FARC business meeting held next Monday at Oscars BBQ.

3. Presentation By Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH: Terry Brown read a bio of Riley Hollingsworth, retired Special Counsel with the FCC's Enforcement Bureau and managed interference resolution programs in the Land Mobile and Public Safety services. Mr. Hollingsworth talked and answered questions for approximately 45 minutes. His talk covered the FCC website info, compliance issues, enforcement actions, concerns about operators on 75 meters and on the 14.313 MHz frequency, things new operators can do to make ham radio better, tech breakthroughs, public service, keeping everyone active, praised older generations for leading amateur radio, interference from broadband over power lines (BPL) and the ARRL timeline publication. At the end of Riley Hollingsworth's talk, Don Edwards presented him with a framed FARC life membership certificate.

4. Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2035 hours.

5. Meeting Attendees: The names of the meeting attendees who signed the attendance list follow:

Don Edwards-WS4NC; David Ramsey-KJ4OIL; Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV; Steve Patterson-WA3RTC; Van Key-KC4WSK; Andrew Gusek-NC4AG; Bob Gusek-NC4RG; Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT; David Shoaf-KC4X; Terry Brown-AK4D; Steven Mierisch-KG4JWU; Randy Tompson-NC4RT; Mike Atkins; N4VE; John Kippee-K1PPE; Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL; Jerry Minor-K4GW; Phil Nunn-KD4JZZ; Raymond Taber-WX5AAA; Judson Davis-KG4OHQ; Neal Pruitt-WD4LSS; Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV; John Sherrer-KI4ARK; Raja Chatterjee-KB6MTH; Bill Starkey-N4WWS; Bruce Bailiff-WB4QCM; David Macchiarolo-AJ4TF; Troy Brown-K4OBI; Michelle McClure-K4DAM; Dennis McClure-N4DSM; Ken Wilkins-K4KWC; Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO; Mike Mahan-KB4WJA; Fred Horton-NA4P; Ed Needham-AF4XC; Jim Register-KV4SJ; Subhash Gedam-KG6OAR; and Gary Miller-WA4VMC.