

## **Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting—16 March 2015**

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

**1. Attendees:** Fifteen attendees: Jerry Minor-K4GW, Terry Brown-AK4D, Don Edwards-WS4NC, Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, Bob Gusek-NC4RC, Andrew Gusek-NC4AG, John Kippee-N0KTY, Jim Atkins-W4UX, Harold Richardson-N4HER, Gene Bowman-WB4MSG, Steven Mierisch-KG4GWU, Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL, David McDonald-N5WNB, Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ, and Jeff Rudy-KK4MOV.

**2. Call to Order:** Meeting, at Ham's Restaurant, 414 South Stratford Road, Winston-Salem, was called to order by President Jerry Minor at 2006 hours. Arrangements have been made to hold future FARC business meetings at Ham's Restaurant on the third Monday night of each month at 1930 hours. Meetings will be held in the side room with glass walls separating it from the large eating room.

### **3. Meeting Topics:**

**a. Treasurers Report:** Henry Heidtmann stated that the club balance was \$4759.89 prior to adding in recent membership renewals and deducting minor expenses.

**b. Future Meeting Topics:** A presentation on Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) presentation by K4NWJ, Nathan Jackson is planned.

**c. Field Day Preparation:** Hobby Park has been reserved for Field Day activities on 27-28 June. A motion to have Doc Holliday serve as Field Day Coordinator was made, seconded and approved by attendees. Doc stated that many volunteers will be needed.

**d. Charles Robbins, N4CHR:** It was noted that Charles Robbins, II-N4CHR had a heart attack and was in recovery at Forsyth Memorial.

**e. Arduino Class:** The previously announced date of the next Arduino session of 28 March conflicts with the Pilot Mountain Payback event. An additional conflict was noted with the following weekend (Easter Weekend). A possible date will be 11 April.

#### **f. Sauratown Repeater Issues and Discussion:**

**g. Yaesu Program:** Reference paragraph 3.i from the minutes of 17 February FARC business meeting. Dale Mierisch reported that the FARC application for a Yaesu repeater had been accepted. Due to the popularity of the program, Yaesu is running about two months behind in providing repeater boards. Dale was also inquiring about the possibility of getting a second unit via the program.

**h. FARC Hamshack Needs:** Attendees discussed what was needed to finish the upgrades to the club hamshack. Gene Bowman stated that two filter boxes costing approximately \$600 each will be needed to finish the work to help protect and coordinate which antenna and band were being used by each of the

two new K3 transceivers. Gene will give a talk at the next club meeting on the need for the filters and then a vote will be held to get the purchase approval from attending club members. Further discussion was held on the additional cabinet work that needs to be done.

**i. June Hamfest:** President Jerry Minor stated that hamfest chairman David Shoaf was unable to attend the meeting, but was requesting any suggestions for improving and operating the hamfest held on Saturday, 13 June at Summit School.

**4. Meeting Adjournment:** Motion was made, seconded and meeting was adjourned at 2055 hours.

**TASKERS:**

1. Seek filter box approval at February meeting, total cost approximately \$1200.
2. Determine any club needs that may possibly use grant funding.
3. Continue work on club meeting agendas/topics for May thru November, ie, Salisbury Fox Hunt contact, older member contact.
4. Continue to examine and determine what tower components are needed for Sauratown repeater repair/upgrade.
5. Continued coordination and work on Baptist Hospital repeaters.
6. Continue monitoring all FARC repeaters for adherence to FCC rules and regulations and proper usage.