

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting—20 April 2015

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1. Attendees: Twelve attendees: Jerry Minor-K4GW, Terry Brown-AK4D, Don Edwards-WS4NC, John Kippee-NOKTY, Jim Atkins-W4UX, Harold Richardson-N4HER, Gene Bowman-WB4MSG, Steven Mierisch-KG4GWU, Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL, David Shoaf-KC4X, Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ, and Jeff Rudy-KK4MOV.

2. Call to Order: The meeting, in the glass walled side room at Ham's Restaurant, 414 South Stratford Road, Winston-Salem, was called to order by President Jerry Minor at 1940 hours.

3. Meeting Topics:

a. Treasurers Report: Henry Heidtmann, W2DZO, was not at the meeting but had sent a message stating that the club balance was approximately the same as reported at the previous weeks main FARC meeting of \$4166.75.

b. Future Meeting Topics: A discussion was held on how to improve future club meetings and also on the meeting topics. Main point was to limit presentations to about 30-35 minutes, use the wireless mike for guests, get ideas from club members on desired topics and to get an assistant to the FARC Vice-President to act as program coordinator. A potential future meeting topics may be on Raspberry Pi, but the May program will be on repeaters with the presentation by Dale Mierisch, WB9SZL.

c. Field Day Preparation: Hobby Park has been reserved for Field Day activities on 27-28 June. Doc Holliday talked about how to get the club to a first place finish by getting extra points in addition to the on-the-air contact points. Discussed were power modes, visits from officials, GOTA station, youth participation, a video on ham radio, satellite contacts, message handling and many of the other point getting items listed in the ARRL rules on Field Day. Field Day security was discussed and who would be staying overnight on Saturday night at Hobby Park. Also, Doc was to make sure the Winston-Salem police department was aware of Field Day activities. The Saturday dinner at Field Day was discussed. Don Edwards talked about doing rotisserie chicken, green beans, coleslaw, potato salad and dessert.

d. Solar Panel: Don Edwards, WS4NC, talked about mounting a solar panel on the antenna trailer, powering a system to move the antenna up and down. A discussion on how to mount the bracket for the solar panel followed.

e. FARC Generator: Discussion was made on inspecting the club generator and the possible need for an oil change in the generator motor.

f. Electronic Filters: Jerry Minor talked about the need for a presentation on the electronic filters that is needed in the club shack.

f. Sauratown Repeater Issues and Discussion: The recent Sauratown repeater misuse issues and resulting FARC actions to curtail the misuse were

discussed. Also discussed were the techniques that can be used to track and identify anyone interfering with repeater operations.

g. June Hamfest: David Shoaf, KC4X, talked about the upcoming FARC Classis Hamfest. He stated that he would scout the various vendors for possible donations for hamfest door prizes. Discussion was also held on the rule that door prize winners must be present for smaller prizes, but that was not necessary for the grand prize. VE testing was also discussed if the side room was available and enough VE's would be there to assist in the testing effort. Advertising for the hamfest was also discussed in addition to possibly doing a post card mailing, but concerns were expressed about the mailing cost.

4. Meeting Adjournment: Motion was made, seconded and meeting was adjourned at 2038 hours.