

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting—18 May 2015

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

1. Attendees: Fourteen attendees: **Jerry Minor-K4GW, Terry Brown-AK4D, Don Edwards-WS4NC, John Kippe-N0KTY, Harold Richardson-N4HER, Gene Bowman-WB4MSG, Steven Mierisch-KG4GWU, David Shoaf-KC4X, Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ, Steve Patterson-WA3RTC, Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, Bob Gusek-NC4RG, David McDonald-N5WMB and Geoff 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 1938 hours.

3. Meeting Topics:

a. Treasurers Report: Henry Heidtmann, W2DZO, stated that the club balance was \$2796.46 after paying for club insurance.

b. Future Meeting Topics: The 8 June meeting will focus on preparation for both the Classis Hamfest on 13 June and Field Day on 27-28 June.

c. Field Day Preparation: Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ led the discussion on the upcoming Field Day on 27-28 June at Hobby Park, main topics listed below.

1. FARC Generator: Part of the Field Day discussion was on making sure that the club generator was ready to be used. As a backup, **Harold Richardson-N4HER** was bringing his generator as a backup. Discussion was also made on getting the club generator to Hobby Park.

2. Food: Don Edwards-WS4NC and Jerry Minor-K4GW discussed food items for the Saturday evening meal. Hotdogs and side items were discussed.

3. Educational Items and Displays: Educational videos, demonstrations of Arduino and antenna tuning and an info booth were discussed.

4. GOTA Station: The merits and value of the GOTA station were debated including the required coach, possible interference issues, control operator and who can earn points for the club using the station. **Don Edwards-WS4NC** stated that a listing of club members eligible to use the GOTA station needed to be done.

5. Signs: Signs and placement locations to help advertise and point the way to the Field Day location were discussed.

6. Coax: An up to date inventory of club coax for Field Day use needed to be done.

7. Satellite Contacts: Harold Richardson-N4HER and Steve Mierisch-KG4GWU will make efforts to do a satellite contact. **Bob**

Gusek-NC4RG stated he had learned that satellite contact ability would be very limited on Field Day.

8. Radios: Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ made an inventory of radios that could be used on Field Day.

9. Antennas: Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ and **Gene Bowman-WB4MSG** led discussion on what antennas would be needed for Field Day for CW, SSB and Digital Modes and possible antenna locations at Hobby Park to minimize interference and feedback issues. **Bob Gusek-NC4RG** would provide spools to wind up antennas after Field Day and will also be providing attachments to help assemble the antennas.

10. Band Captains: Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ pointed had the following persons as band captains:

a. 80 Meters-Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ with Harold Richardson-N4HER as backup

b. 40 Meters-Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO

c. 20 Meters-Jim Adkins-W4UX

d. 15 Meters-Gene Bowman-WB4MSG

e. 10 Meters-Jerry Minor-K4GW

11. Safety Person: Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ pointed out the need for a safety person at Field Day. Meeting attendees would be exploring who would fill that role.

d. June Hamfest: David Shoaf, KC4X, talked about the upcoming FARC Classis Hamfest on 13 June. He was getting door prizes from vendors, ARRL and club member donation. FCC testing will be held at the hamfest. He was also exploring demonstrations for the hamfest including Arduino, Raspberry Pi, Digital transmission modes. **Melissa Hall-W4RXG** has been doing a great job getting club meetings in the Winston-Salem Journal and will be tasked with getting the hamfest announced as well. **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** updated everyone on other activities at Summitt School going on at the same time as the hamfest which included food preparation in the kitchen for wedding activities.

e. Social Committee Chairman: Jerry Minor-K4GW discussed the need for a social chairman for the club. A primary duty would be welcoming visitors to club events and meetings.

f. FARC Newsletter: Steve Patterson-WA3RTC and others, thanked **Don Edwards-WS4NC** for doing a great job with the club newsletter.

g. Don Edwards-WS4NC Topics: Don Edwards-WS4NC discussed planning for the FARC 85th anniversary at the end of December and was exploring getting lapel pins and other items in recognition of the event. He also suggested a

relook at annual club due amounts and a recount of total club members including family members for use in discussions. **Bob Gusek-NC4RG** made a motion for Don to go forward with the 85th anniversary recognition effort. Terry Brown-AK4D seconded and motion was approved.

h. Boy Scouts and Jamboree on the Air (JOA): Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV discussed helping Boy Scouts get fulfill the requirements for the Radio Merit Badge and Jamboree on the Air efforts.

4. Meeting Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Bob Gusek-NC4RG**, seconded by **John Kippe-NOKTY** and meeting was adjourned at 2058 hours.