

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

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

1. Attendees: Eleven attendees: **Jerry Minor-K4GW, Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, Terry Brown-AK4D, Don Edwards-WS4NC, John Kippe-K1PPE, Harold Richardson-N4HER, David Shoaf-KC4X, Steve Patterson-WA3RTC, David McDonald-N5WNB, Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT and Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV.**

2. Call to Order: The meeting, in the glass walled side room at Hamm's Restaurant, 414 South Stratford Road, Winston-Salem, was called to order by President Jerry Minor at 1930 hours.

3. Meeting Topics:

a. **Treasurer's Report:** **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** stated that the club balance was \$2952.12.

b. **Future Meeting Topics:** Discussion was held on future meeting topics as no definite topic was lined up for the August FARC meeting. However, several topics were to be quickly explored. Tentative future meeting topics were:

1. September: **Gene Bowman-WB4MSG** and **Charlie Kluttz-W4TMR** would do an antenna presentation. There is also the possibility of BBQ being brought to the meeting.

2. October: ARES presentation by **Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT**

3. November: Homebrew and FARC Officer elections

4. December: Annual holiday dinner meeting scheduled for the first Monday in December at River Ridge Tap House. The second Monday was already taken.

c. **ARES Report:** **Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT**, updated everyone on the upcoming **Co-Location Sheltering Exercise** to be held at Walkertown High School on 25 July, check in at 0800 and the drill taking place from 0830 to 1200. A hot-wash will happen immediately following the drill. The Red Cross has asked amateur radio operators to be a functional part of the exercise, normally only volunteers in an exercise of this type. The Co-Location Exercise will focus on housing both people and pets. FARC members helping in the exercise are **Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT, Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, Terry Brown-AK4D, Doc Holiday-WB4QIZ and David McDonald-N5WNB.** FARC members would use 146.55 simplex hand held radios in this effort. Jim also updated everyone on some route changes in the upcoming **Tour To Tanglewood** bike event to be held 19-20 September.

d. **Arduino Classes:** The dates for the upcoming Arduino classes are 25 July and 29 August, from 0900 to finish.

e. January Firstfest: Discussion was held on Firstfest scheduled for Saturday, 9 January 2016 at Summit School with emphasis on how to publicize the event better. Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO commented that the Summit School staff were pleased with the way club members handled conflicting use and traffic/parking in the previous June hamfest.

f. Nomination Committee: FARC President **Jerry Minor-K4GW** led discussion to form a nomination committee to help with election of club officers for the 2016 calendar year. The nomination committee was formed with **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, John Kippe-K1PPE, David McDonald-N5WNB, and Harold Richardson-N4HER** being on the committee.

g. Sauratown Mountain Repeater Work: A repair work period sometime in September will be needed to install the new tower, antenna and other repairs on the 145.47 repeater. **Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL** will determine the work date and who will be needed to make the repairs.

4. Meeting Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the business meeting by **John Kippe-K1PPE**, seconded by **Harold Richardson-N4HER** and others. Meeting was adjourned at 2011 hours.