

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting-17 August 2015

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

1. **Attendees:** Fourteen attendees: **Jerry Minor-K4GW, Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, Terry Brown-AK4D, Don Edwards-WS4NC, Jim Atkins-W4UX, Bob Gusek-NC4RG, John Kippe-K1PPE, Harold Richardson-N4HER, David Shoaf-KC4X, Steve Patterson-WA3RTC, Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT, Jim Register-KV4SJ, Bruce Sanspree-N4ZDR and Doc Holiday-WB4QIZ.**

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-K4GW** at 1927 hours.

3. **Meeting Topics:**

a. **Treasurer's Report:** **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** stated that the club balance was \$2791.05.

b. **Future Meeting Topics:** Discussion was held on upcoming meeting topics:

1. 14 September: **Gene Bowman-WB4MSG** and **Charlie Kluttz-W4TMR** will do an antenna presentation. BBQ is also planned for the meeting. The meeting may be moved from the Red Cross to the Summit School dining hall due to a large turnout for the meeting. Plans are for the meeting to start earlier at 7:00 pm instead of the normal 7:30 pm start time. VE testing in the back room at Summit school is available and testing will also start earlier, tentative time of 6:20 pm. **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** stated that he is planning to video the meeting. **Jerry Minor-K4GW** will put the meeting info and location on the W4NC website. **Henry** also stated that there will be a rental fee for the Summit School cafeteria, \$40. FARC will provide tea and some soft drinks, cups, paper plates and eating utensils. **Don Edwards-WS4NC** stated that he could provide banana pudding for dessert.

2. 12 October: ARES presentation by **Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT.**

3. 9 November: FARC Officer elections and Fox-Hunt presentation by Tommie Wood, N4YZ, with the Rowan County ARC.

4. 7 December: Annual holiday dinner meeting scheduled for the **first Monday in December** at River Ridge Tap House. The normal second Monday that we usually meet was already taken.

5. 11 January: Homebrew

6. 8 February: Matt Jordan will do a presentation on cell phone tower installation and maintenance.

7. Some future meeting topics discussed were the ionosphere/propagation and grid squares.

**c. ARES Report:**

**1. Tour to Tanglewood:** **Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT** updated everyone on the upcoming **Tour To Tanglewood** bike event to be held 19-20 September, a fund raising event for Multiple Sclerosis. Event planners have targeted raising \$1,600,000, expecting 1400 riders and utilizing 500 volunteers. Jim reported that 16 hams are needed. As of this meeting date, Jim has the following names listed as volunteering to help with this event: **John Kippe-K1PPE, Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL, David Peterson-KK4GAF, Dave Ramsey-KJ4OIL, Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ, David McDonald-N5WMB, Bob Gusek-NC4RG, Tim Yarbrough-KF4HHG, Terry Brown-AK4D, Ed Eller-KJ4ENM, Jerry Brownlee-WA4ZKI, Michael Crepeau-N3MDC, Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, Terry Hendrix-KC8OEX, Don Edwards-WS4NC and Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT.** There may be some mutual assistance from other clubs: **Ralph DeGenova-W4RVD, Robert Ferguson-KD4TVE and Donna Ferguson-KD4WIK.** There are up to three more slots open where help is needed. Jim stated that he will be emailing maps and stationing of volunteers soon.

**2. Cystic Fibrosis Extreme Hike:** **Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT** stated that on Saturday, 17 October, an extreme hike is scheduled at Hanging Rock State Park for a cystic fibrosis fund raiser. Three or four hams will be needed for this event.

**d. Arduino Classes:** The date for the next Arduino class is 29 August, from 0900 to finish. The class will focus on finishing the weather station.

**e. Firstfest Hamfest:** Discussion was held on Firstfest scheduled for Saturday, 9 January 2016 at Summit School. **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** commented that the cafeteria space at Summit School is now reserved for the hamfest on that date. **Jim Atkins-W4UX** stated that he will make sure that the hamfest will be on the ARRL calendar.

**f. Sauratown Mountain Repeater Work:** **Jerry Minor-K4GW** stated that he would get up with Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL to schedule the repeater work on Sauratown Mountain.

**g. Donation in Memory of John Huffman:** **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** stated that the club had received \$125 from six people in memory of John Huffman. Discussion was made on putting a plaque in the club hamshack listing those who donated.

**h. Refurbishment of Club Hamshack and Purchase of Filters:** **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** stated that Raja Chatterjee-KB6MTH was donating funding to purchase one of two needed filters for the club hamshack. The remaining filter, which had been discussed previously in both club and business meetings, would cost about \$640. Filters are needed to protect each of the two K3's transceivers from signal overload. Henry also discussed the work needed to refurbish the club hamshack.

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**k. 85<sup>th</sup> FARC Anniversary:** **Don Edwards-WS4NC** led discussion on the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club, officially 30 December 2015. Designs were examined for possible printing on lapel pins, hats and shirts, with emphasis on lapel pins. Discussion was held on lapel pin cost, how many to order, requirements to get one, etc. **Terry Brown-AK4D** stated that he would get numbers of currently paid and non-paid members to meeting attendees. **Jerry Minor-K4GW** stated he would bring this up at the next member meeting.

**1. Prizes for Reading Newsletter and Club Attendance:** **Don Edwards-WS4NC** led discussion on an effort he started in getting more readership of the newsletter with a single prize being given each meeting to readers who submit an eligible entry and are present at the meeting. Further discussion was held on putting all monthly eligible entries into a single pot with one entry being randomly selected at the December holiday meeting. The prize at the December meeting would possibly be a VHF/UHF handheld radio. **Doc Holiday-WB4QIZ** made a motion to do this, seconded by **John Kippe-K1PPE** and meeting attendees voted approval.

**4. Meeting Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn the business meeting by **Don Edwards-WS4NC**, seconded by **Harold Richardson-N4HER** and others. Meeting was adjourned at 2011 hours.