

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting—21 September 2015

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

1. Attendees: Thirteen attendees: **Jerry Minor-K4GW, Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, Terry Brown-AK4D, Don Edwards-WS4NC, Gene Bowman-WB4MSG, Bob Gusek-NC4RG, Harold Richardson-N4HER, Steve Patterson-WA3RTC, Jim Register-KV4SJ, David McDonald-N5WNB, Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV, Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL 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 1943 hours.

3. Meeting Topics:

a. **Treasurer's Report:** **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** stated that the club balance was \$2582.88.

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

1. 12 October: CERT presentation by Leigha Cordell from Forsyth Emergency Management.

2. 9 November: FARC Officer elections and Fox-Hunt presentation by Tommie Wood, N4YZ, with the Rowan County ARC.

3. 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.

4. 11 January: Homebrew

5. 8 February: Matt Jordan will do a presentation on cell phone tower installation and maintenance.

6. Future meeting topics discussed were ARES, the ionosphere/propagation and grid squares and a Tower Program by Charles Strickland of WRAL.

c. **Sauratown Mountain Repeater Work:** **Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL** led discussion on the Sauratown Mountain repeater work scheduled for 31 October and 1 November. Plans were to meet at the McDonalds at King at 0700 on 31 October, travelling to the repeater site and working until about 1600 with overflow work to be done the following day. Dale had broken down needed work into small jobs items stressing doing jobs in parallel, not sequentially. Needed work items were discussed including gloves, coax connectors, tower climbing gear and power equipment. Dale also led discussion on needed coordination with WXII and others. The number of attendees would be limited to no more than nine people. A preview trip will be made prior to 31 October.

d. Donation in Memory of John Huffman and Silent Key Plaque: **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** stated that the club had received \$100 donation in memory of John Huffman. Discussion was made on putting a plaque in the club shack listing the names of FARC members and other prominent amateur radio operators who are silent keys.

e. Refurbishment of Club Hamshack and Purchase of Filters: **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** brought needed club shack filters to the meeting. 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.

f. John Kippe-K1PPE Injury: **Don Edwards-WD4NC** stated that John Kippe-K1PPE was diagnosed with a broken ankle and would be recovering for several weeks.

g. Nomination Committee Report: **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** stated that the Nominating Committee would have an announcement at the upcoming October meeting.

h. Arduino Class: **Bob Guse -NC4RG** that he will have to cancel the Arduino class scheduled for 17 October. But Bob states that a potential date for the next class will be 14 November. (Secretary note: this is an after meeting add-in note)

4. Meeting Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the business meeting by **Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ**, seconded by **Steve Patterson-WA3RTC** and others. Meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours.