

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting—19 October 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, Gene Bowman-WB4MSG, David Shoaf-KC4X, Harold Richardson-N4HER, Steve Patterson-WA3RTC, Jim Register-KV4SJ, Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV, David Ramsey-W4OIL, John Kippe-K1PPE, Jim Atkins-W4UX 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 1938 hours.

3. Meeting Topics:

a. **Treasurer's Report:** **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** stated that the club balance was \$2532.68. The balance included \$50 to support the NC QSO party which was approved by the business meeting attendees. The \$50 is the cost of one award given to the NC QSO party participant who makes contacts with the most counties.

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

1. 9 November: Introduction to DX by Jim Atkins-W4UX.

2. 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. **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** will reconfirm reservation.

3. 11 January: Homebrew

4. 8 February: Matt Jordan will do a presentation on cell phone tower installation and maintenance.

c. **Sauratown Mountain Repeater Work:** **John Kippe-K1PPE** stated that **Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL** had sent out an email to the repeater repair crew detailing the Sauratown Mountain repeater work scheduled primarily for 31 October and 1 November as a backup date. **Henry Heidtmann-W4DZO** led discussion on transporting the replacement antenna to the repeater site. **David Shoaf-KC4X** stated that he could transport the antenna. The antenna is one piece with harness pre-mounted on the antenna. **Jerry Minor-K4GW** stressed making sure that extra mounting hardware, water proofing, basic tools and to make sure that cable connectors for the new antenna were correct. A repeater meeting is scheduled for Tuesday night at 2030 on the 47 repeater on 27 October and a pre-work inspection scheduled for Thursday, 28 October. A tentative listing of the repeater work crew is **Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL, David Ramsey-W4OIL, Don Edwards-WS4NC, Jim Atkins-W4UX, Mike Atkins-N4VE, Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, David McDonald-N4WMB, Jerry Minor-K4GW and John Kippe-K1PPE.**

d. FARC Website: **David Shoaf-KC4X** noted that a correction needed to be made on the FARC website on the business meeting location. **Jerry Minor-K4GW** stated he could make corrections. **Terry Brown-AK4D** asked who else had access to making corrections on the website. **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** will have administrative access as a backup.

e. FARC 85th Anniversary Pins and Increasing FARC Membership: Several members discussed a previous topic on preparation for FARC's 85th anniversary and a brief discussion was held on how to increase club membership. This will be a continuing topic.

f. Hospitality Chair: **Don Edwards-WD4NC** led discussion on the need for a club member to serve as Hospitality Chair at meetings. **Jerry Minor-K4GW** will ask **Jim Marler-KM4HUZ** if he would be interested in being Hospitality Chair.

g. CQSSB: **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** restated the operating times at the FARC club hamshack for the CQ SSB event were 1900-2300 on Friday (24 October), 1000-1400 and 1600-2000 on Saturday (25 October). **Don Edwards-WS4NC** volunteered to send out an email to remind club members and others on the club station operation.

h. Jamboree-on-the-Air: **Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV** gave an update of the prior weekends Jamboree-on-the-Air. Geoff stated that 20 out of 22 boy scouts had gotten merit badges. Ham radio stations for boy scout use were in use from 1900-2200 on Friday and 0800 to 1100 and 1430 to 1630 on Saturday.

i. Newsletter Prize: Discussion was held on how to put entries for those getting or upgrading licenses for the monthly VHF radio drawing in addition to the entries from club members who have read the club newsletter. It was agreed that new licensees or upgrades would have to attend the meeting in order to be eligible for the drawing. **Don Edwards-WD4NC** stressed that the rules have been previously stated that you have to be present to win.

4. Meeting Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the business meeting by **Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ**, seconded by **Jim Register-KV4SJ** and others. Meeting was adjourned at 2013 hours.