

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting--16 November 2015

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

1. Attendees: Ten attendees: **Jerry Minor-K4GW, Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, Terry Brown-AK4D, David Shoaf-KC4X, Harold Richardson-N4HER, Steve Patterson-WA3RTC, Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV, Jim Atkins-W4UX, Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT and David McDonald-N5WNB.**

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 1942 hours.

3. Meeting Topics:

a. Treasurer's Report: **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** stated that the club balance was \$2680.17. Henry discussed some basic annual income and expenses but will be presenting a complete breakdown of club income and expenses at the December holiday dinner meeting.

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

1. 7 December: Annual holiday dinner meeting scheduled for the **first Monday in December** at River Ridge Tap House at 6:30. The normal second Monday that we usually meet was already taken. **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** has reconfirmed the reservation and told the restaurant to expect about 50 attendees.

2. 11 January: Homebrew

3. 8 February: Matt Jordan will do a presentation on cell phone tower installation and maintenance.

c. ARES: **Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT** stated he attended a wrap-up MS Tour to Tanglewood meeting. The work and help by the amateur radio volunteers was greatly appreciated. There was a request for a handheld amateur radio to be put in vehicles that do not have an operator to allow vehicle occupants to hear net discussion. FARC has six spare handheld radios possibly for this use.

d. Date of Next Business Meeting and 2016 Business Meetings: **Terry Brown-AK4D** brought up last Monday's club meeting discussion of the date of the December FARC business meeting date, possibly the second or third Monday in December. There were concerns about having the meeting on the third Monday, 21 December. FARC Secretary follow up note: The sideroom at Hamms was available on the second Monday, 14 December. Management at Hamms have scheduled FARC for that Monday. Furthermore at my request, Hamm's management have reserved the third Monday in each month in 2016 for FARC.

e. FIRSTFEST: **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** stated he had confirmed the reservation at Summit School for the FARC Firstfest hamfest on 9 January

2016. He also stated that there would be a minor increase in the rent rate for this, currently not known. **Jim Atkins-W4UX** stated that he had gotten confirmation of the hamfest being ARRL certified and that a hamfest package would be mailed to the club soon.

f. Hospitality Coordinator: **Jerry Minor-K4GW** stated that he had been contacted by **Kent Englebert-K4HKE**. Kent had volunteered to act as a hospitality coordinator at meetings and other club functions.

g. Website Backup: **Jerry Minor-K4GW** stated that will be providing **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** with administrative privileges and access to the club website.

h. Red Cross Access: **Jerry Minor-K4GW** led some discussion on after hours access to the Red Cross and FARC ham shack. **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** and **Don Edwards-WS4NC** remain as primary contacts for those times.

4. Meeting Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the business meeting by **Harold Richardson-N4HER**, seconded by others. Meeting was adjourned at 2003 hours.