

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Special Business Meeting,
Forsyth Amateur Radio Club—4 January 2016**

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

1. Call to Order and Welcome: A special Board of Directors Business Meeting, Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, was held on Monday, 4 January 2016 at Ham's Restaurant, 367 Lower Mall Drive, Thruway Shopping Center, Winston-Salem. The meeting was called to order by new 2016 FARC **President Jim Atkins-W4UX**, at 1912 hours. He welcomed all meeting attendees who are listed in the last item of these minutes.

2. Upcoming Hamfest Discussion: **David Shoaf-KC4X** stated that preparation for the hamfest this coming Saturday was progressing and in good shape. Meeting attendees discussed Friday loadin, vendor attendance, printing tickets for attendees, providing a heater for outside volunteers, a minor basketball practice conflict, 146.640 repeater talkin, no VE testing, updates for the FARC website, refreshments and coffee, door prizes and the hamfest announcement scheduled for Friday's Winston-Salem journal. **After hamfest note:** Door prizes were two \$25 and one \$50 ARRL gift certificates, a \$10 gift certificate from the Cable Guy, three books from DBJ, a J-Pole antenna from N4HER, and three Baofeng handheld radios, two were from N4VE (Triad Electronics) and one from FARC.

3. Equipment Donations: **Gene Bowman-WB4MSG** stated that he had been contacted by a family of a deceased ham who wanted to donate radio gear to the club for sale, but wanted proceeds from the sale to benefit youth who were showing activity in ham radio. Gene provided a listing of the equipment and approximate value to meeting attendees. After much discussion, it was agreed that the equipment would be put up for sale at the hamfest. Some basic radio gear would be obtained from the sale proceeds for a Boy Scout Troop who had attended recent club activities. **Don Edwards-WS4NC** stated that he could oversee a table with the equipment at the hamfest. **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** stated he could provide the family a listing of donated equipment for their documentation. **After hamfest note:** Some of the equipment was sold at the hamfest, but the majority was auctioned off by **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** to meeting attendees. Approximately \$826 was made from both the sale and auctioning of the equipment.

4. Donated Antennas: **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** discussed a note he had received from **Gary Carter-WA4IAM** a ham who was moving across the country and was donating his antennas to the club. One of the antennas being donated is a hex beam. Some discussion was held on using the hex beam in lieu of the club tri-bander on Field Day.

5. Field Day Preparation: **Gene Bowman-WB4MSG** stated that he would be working in getting antennas ready for Field Day. **Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ** stated that he had enjoyed being Field Day chairman for past years, but a new chairman would be needed this year.

13. Adjournment of Meeting: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and adjourned at 2020 hours.

14. Meeting Attendees: Below are the names of meeting attendees: **Jim Atkins-W4UX, Harold Richardson-N4HER, Terry Brown-AK4D, Don Edwards-WS4NC, David Shoaf-KC4X, Henry Hiedtmann-W2DZO, Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ, Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL, Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV, Gene Bowman-WB4MSG, Mike Atkins-N4VE, John Kippe-K1PPE and Jerry Minor-K4GW.**

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Business Meeting, Forsyth
Amateur Radio Club—18 January 2016**

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

- 1. Call to Order and Welcome:** The monthly Board of Directors Business Meeting, Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, was held on Monday, 18 January 2016 at Ham's Restaurant, 367 Lower Mall Drive, Thruway Shopping Center, Winston-Salem. The meeting was called to order by **FARC Vice-President Harold Richardson-N4HER**, at 1917 hours. He welcomed all meeting attendees.
- 2. Treasurers Report:** **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO**, FARC Treasurer stated that the club balance was \$4088.70, all expenses paid to date.
- 3. W4NC Website:** **Harold Richardson-N4HER** discussed access capability and ease of making changes to the club's www.W4NC.com website. **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** stated that he had gotten more accessibility to make changes along with primary website manager **Jerry Minor -K4GW**. **Henry** stated that any needed changes should be sent to he or **Jerry**.
- 4. Video of Club Meetings on Website:** Discussion was held on resuming a real-time broadcast of club meetings or putting a roughly edited video of club meetings on the W4NC website. On a trial test basis, **Henry Heidtman-W2DZO** will set up his video camera to do a real-time broadcast feeding the signal through a laptop physically connected to the room router. If the test is successful, then a club acquisition of a video camera will be explored.
- 5. Hospitality Committee:** **Kent Englebert-K4HKE** led discussion on hospitality committee efforts, a new member welcome packet with club history and info, officer names and contact information, specific amateur radio expertise contacts, procedures for operating equipment in the club shack, club equipment available for temporary loan and other info.
- 6. FARC Hamshack:** Discussion was held on what was needed to finish upgrades to the club hamshack. **Gene Bowman-WB4MSG** felt that the cost of getting dummy loads and switches would be less than \$500.

7. PayPal Capability: Following recent requests, discussion was held on adding PayPal capability to the club website for membership renewals. Costs of doing this appeared to be minor. **Henry Heidtman-W2DZO** stated that he would go to PayPal, open up an account there and determine what was needed on the club website to get this process activated.

8. Yaesu FT-450 Transceiver for Boy Scouts: Gene Bowman-WB4MSG discussed the Yaesu FT-450 purchased for the Boy Scouts, partially closing out the family request of donated radio equipment that had been sold at the FARC FirstFest hamfest. Closing out the family's request will be adding a power supply and a go-box. **Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV** stated that the equipment will be placed in a locked area in the church sponsoring the Boy Scout troop when the equipment is not in use.

9. Club By-Laws: Don Edwards-WS4NC stated that he had the old FARC club bylaws and needed markups that were needed to document and update recent changes to the club and club procedures. When ready, changes will be presented at normal club meeting for a vote of acceptance.

10. Upcoming Monthly Club Programs: Upcoming club programs are:

- a. 9 February-Matt Jordan on Cell Tower experiences
- b. 14 March-Jim Mansfield-WA4NT on ARES
- c. 11 April-maybe Jim Brown-K9YC on RFI

Other possible program presentations discussed were QSL methodology, modern test equipment, passive repeaters and solar cycle forecasts and what they mean.

11. Presidents Article in Monthly Newsletter: Harold Richardson-N4HER mentioned that **Jim Atkins-W4UX, FARC President** is planning to have an article for the club newsletter each month.

12. NC QSO Party: Discussion was held on a club participation in the NC QSO party which will be held on Sunday, 28 February, from 10am to 8pm local time. More discussion will be held on this later. It was mentioned that the South Carolina QSO party would be held the previous day.

13. Adjournment of Meeting: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and meeting was adjourned at 2033 hours.

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