

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Business Meeting, Forsyth
Amateur Radio Club—18 February 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 Thursday, 18 January 2016 at Ham's Restaurant, 367 Lower Mall Drive, Thruway Shopping Center, Winston-Salem. The meeting had been postponed from the previous Monday due to inclement weather conditions. The meeting was called to order by **FARC President Jim Atkins-W4UX**, at 1935 hours. He welcomed all meeting attendees. Meeting attendees were **Jim Atkins-W4UX, Harold Richardson-N4HER, Terry Brown-AK4D, Don Edwards-WS4NC, Gene Bowman-WB4MSG, John Kippe-K1PPE, Jeff Stafford-AC4YN, Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ, Daryl Knight-N5WK, Jerry Minor-K4GW and David McDonald-N5WNB.**

2. Treasurers Report: **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO**, FARC Treasurer, was not able to attend, but had notified board members that the club balance was \$4500.63.

3. W4NC Website: Discussion was held on needed website updates. In lieu of the Events tab, tabs for each upcoming event will be placed, ie, Field Day and FARC hamfest. **Jim Atkins-W4UX** will send needed links to ARRL for inclusion in their website.

4. Field Day: **Daryl Knight-N5WK** was announced as the new Field Day Captain, replacing **Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ** who had done an outstanding job. Daryl discussed bonus categories, safety inspector and social media and operational class. **Gene Bowman-WB4MSG** stated he had four, possibly five antenna captains and that weekend work was needed to inspect and repair antennas. Gene also stated that making operational contacts both day and night was critical to getting a better point score. Discussion was held on purchasing food for Field Day and getting a "Food Captain" to handle this responsibility. It was also recommended that pallets be placed under gas powered generators in case of rainfall runoff.

5. FARC 444.275 Repeater Replacement: **Jim Atkins-W4UX** led discussion on upgrading the clubs 444.275 MHz repeater located on Baptist Hospital. **Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL** had sent an email to FARC officers on 15 February listing equipment that was needed and optional equipment to enhance repeater capability. A key point in the email was that Yaesu had reopened their repeater purchase program (DR-1) until March 2016 where qualifying organizations could do a repeater purchase for \$600, an \$1100 discount off the normal repeater price of \$1700. Due to the purchase short time frame, **John Kippe-K1PPE** made a motion, **Don Edwards-WS4NC** seconded and meeting participants unanimously approved this special purchase of the repeater board. The balance of items listed by Dale in the email are temporarily tabled for further discussion.

6. FARC June Hamfest: Discussion was held on what was needed to advertise the June hamfest. Don Edwards-WS4NC will print flyers for the hamfest to hand out at the Raleigh and Charlotte hamfests.

7. Antenna Removal: Saturday, 27 February is the scheduled date for removing antennas from the home of Gary Carter, who is moving to Seattle. **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** will be leading this effort and had previously stated that six to seven volunteers would be needed. **Jim Atkins-W4UX, Don Edwards-WS4NC, Mike Atkins-N4VE** and **Harold Richardson-N4HER** were volunteers so far.

8. Yaesu FT-450 Transceiver for Boy Scouts and Remaining Estate Items: **Gene Bowman-WB4MSG** stated that the Yaesu FT-450 purchased for the Boy Scouts was tested, operational and in the possession of **Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV**. Still needed is a power supply and a GO-BOX setup for the items. On items still at the estate home, Gene stated that he will be meeting with the son and going over remaining items there. **Harold Richardson-N4HER** reported that the Collins receiver is still for sale and has a value of \$300 to \$400. It was also reported that at the last FARC VE test session that one of the Boy Scout leaders in the pack getting the Yaesu FT-450 had gotten his Technician license.

9. Upcoming Monthly Club Programs: Possible upcoming club programs are:

- a. 14 March-Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT on ARES
- b. 11 April-maybe Jim Brown-K9YC on RFI. Work need to be done to allow presentation to be done remotely.
- c. 9 May-Whisper program by Harold Richardson-N4HER
- d. 13 June-Preparation for Field Day
- e. 11 July-Possible QSL card
- f. 8 August-still open but may hold Foxhunt on weekend in August
- g. 12 September-Modern Test Equipment by Don Edwards
- h. 10 October-open
- i. 14 November-open

Other meeting topics discussed were: an open program of question and answers tailored for new licensees, digital mode program, reschedule home brew to late winter months (March) since projects are worked on during colder months, waiting to hear from Riley Hollingsworth on when he can visit with us, and sunspot cycles and what they mean,

10. 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. **Jim Atkins-W4UX** will put out an email to FARC general membership. **Gene Bowman-WB4MSG** reported that antenna protection circuits are in place but care has to be taken to set up cabling correctly. It was mentioned that the South Carolina QSO party would be held the previous day.

11. Adjournment of Meeting: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Doc Holiday-WB4QIZ**, seconded by **John Kippe-K1PPE**, affirmed by all and meeting was adjourned at 2033 hours.

