

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Business Meeting, Forsyth  
Amateur Radio Club—18 April 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 April 2016 at Ham's Restaurant, 367 Lower Mall Drive, Thruway Shopping Center, Winston-Salem. The meeting was called to order by **FARC President Jim Atkins-W4UX**, at 1936 hours. He welcomed all meeting attendees.

**2. Meeting Attendees:** The fifteen meeting attendees were **Jim Atkins-W4UX, Harold Richardson-N4HER, Terry Brown-AK4D, Don Edwards-WS4NC, Gene Bowman-WB4MSG, Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ, Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL, David Shoaf-KC4X, Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV, Daryl Knight-N5WK, Jerry Minor-K4GW, Jeff Stafford-AC4YN, David McDonald-N5WNB, Kent Englebert-K4HKE and Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO.**

**3. Harold Richardson-N4HER:** All meeting attendees welcomed **Harold** to the meeting after his recent hospital stay.

**4. Treasurers Report:** **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO**, FARC Treasurer, stated that the club balance was \$5287.78. Henry stated that the balance included the \$100 Yaesu rebate, \$108 in recent dues collections, \$17.01 deposit from the Amazon Smile program, \$485 from the Collins receiver recently sold and funds disbursed to purchase the Yaesu repeater board for the 444.275 MHz repeater. An upcoming expense would be the annual insurance payment for club equipment and activities of about \$740.

**5. Items Needed to Complete Boy Scout Setup:** **Gene Bowman-WB4MSG** discussed the two items needed to complete the setup for the Boy Scout troop as part of the recent estate sale of radio gear and abiding by the family wishes for estate disposition: power supply and a "go-box". The cost of the power supply would be approximately \$100 and **Don Edwards-WS4NC** provided the "go-box".

**6. Club Equipment Update Needs:** **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, Don Edwards-WS4NC and Gene Bowman-WB4MSG** discussed items needed to update the club shack and for use during Field Day and other club outings. Items discussed were two computers for the shack and one for echolink, monitors and a pan adapter for one of the club K3 transceivers. A possible venue for the computer items was Walmart refurbished units. The pan adapter will be explored possibly over the Dayton hamfest trio.

**7. Repeater Setup and Needs Discussion:** **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, Don Edwards-WS4NC, Jim Atkins-W4UX, Jerry Minor-K4GW and Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL** discussed items and methods needed to replace the land line for the 444.275 MHz repeater. Also discussed was the purchase of "voter"

options for FARC repeaters to expand and improve the reception area at a possible total cost of about \$400. Items needed would be investigated and possibly purchased at the Dayton Hamfest per motion made by **Jerry Minor-K4GW**, seconded by **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** and total affirmation by meeting attendees.

**8. Club Welcome Packet:** **Kent Englebert-K4HKE** presented a three-fold brochure describing the club, club activities, club mission and a listing of club experts and officers that he had designed. The club officer names and contact information would be replaced by a link to the club website as officer names could possibly change each year. The brochure would be printed when edits and corrections were finished.

**9. Field Day:** **Daryl Knight-N5WK**, Field Day Captain, discussed the list of antenna captain volunteers, but more were needed. **Gene Bowman-WB4MSG** that he would not be doing Field Day antenna work until next month. He also discussed using a beverage two directional antenna. **Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ** discussed the **W4S** special event callsign to be used on Field Day. **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** stated that the club needed to get a licensed statement from the FCC to use the special event callsign and that this would need to be kept on-site during Field Day. **Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV** stated he was still working on Boy Scout participation at Field Day.

**10. Hamfest (11 June):** **David Shoaf-KC4X** led discussion on the Saturday, 11 June club hamfest to be held at Summit School. He had received the hamfest packet from the ARRL, needed help from about six club members primarily for Friday night load-in, handling parking and ticket sales and repeater talk-in. There was further discussion on handouts and flyers advertising the hamfest. **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** stated that he would take a recent handout, mark it up with current information and get it ready for publishing for handouts at upcoming hamfests and possibly at the Dayton hamfest.

**11. Upcoming Meeting Agendas:** **Harold Richardson-N4HER** led discussion on upcoming club meeting agendas/programs. Possible upcoming club programs are:

- a. 9 May-Whisper program by Harold Richardson-N4HER
- b. 13 June-Preparation for Field Day
- c. 11 July-QSL card
- d. 8 August-possibly passive repeaters
- e. 12 September-Modern Test Equipment by Don Edwards
- f. 10 October-open
- g. 14 November-Club officer elections and agenda still open
- h. 5 December-Annual Holiday Dinner meeting. Reservations have been made at River Ridge Tap House, 1480 River Ridge Drive, Clemmons.
  - i. 9 January 2017-Homebrew

**12. Adjournment of Meeting:** Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **David Shoaf-KC4X**, seconded by **Doc Holiday-WB4QIZ**, affirmed by all and meeting was adjourned at 2029 hours.

