

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Business Meeting, Forsyth
Amateur Radio Club—19 September 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, 19 September 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 1855 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, David Shoaf-KC4X, Steve Patterson-WA3RTC, John Kippe-K1PPE, Jim Register-KV4SJ, Harlan Colbert-W1HRC, Sam Poindexter-NI4TG, Jeff Stafford-AC4YN, Daryl Knight-N5WK, Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL and Steven Mierisch-KG4JWU.**

3. Treasurers Report: **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO**, FARC Treasurer, stated that the club balance was \$3877.07.

4. Presentation by George Verekin—North Carolina Three Percenters: **George Verekin** had previously requested permission to speak to the FARC Board of Directors about the North Carolina Three Percenters, who they are locally and nationally, their mission and to explore the possibility of FARC members to provide communications support to the Three Percenters. At the end of the presentation, Mr. Verekin thanked meeting attendees for listening to the presentation. **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO**, who Mr. Verekin had approached initially to speak to the board of directors, thanked and told him that we would discuss his information and would be getting back in touch with him. (After meeting note: A summary of the FARC response to **Mr. Verekin** stated: 1—We would inform Mr. Verekin when we became aware of Amateur Radio licensing classes starting and that any Three Percenters would be welcome in attending our VE test sessions, 2—We emphasized the FCC rules and legal requirement of licensed operators operating amateur radios, and 3—The FARC Board of Directors declined forming any official relationship with the Three Percenters as that would fall outside of FARC's organizational mission.)

5. January Firstfest: Discussion was held on the FARC Firstfest hamfest which will be held on Saturday, 14 January 2017 at the Summit School cafeteria. **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** led discussion to get the FARC hamfest registered and sanctioned by the ARRL. **Jim Adkins-W4UX** stated he would do this. (Secretary note: Jim confirmed the ARRL's acknowledgment of this in an email to club officers on 26 September)

6. Nomination Committee: A nomination committee to investigate FARC officers for 2017 was formed. Nomination committee members were: **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, Terry Brown-AK4D, Jim Atkins-W4UX, David**

McDonald-N5WMB and David Shoaf-KC4X. All four key board offices are open.

7. Dayton Hamfest: Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO led general discussion of the 2017 Dayton Hamfest which will be moved from the FARA arena to the Greene County fairgrounds at Xenia, Ohio. Discussion was held on how to get to the hamfest, a possible bus taking all FARC attendees, and very preliminary estimates of cost per person.

8. Monthly Club Costs: General discussion was held on how to eliminate the monthly phone bill and other expenses at Baptist Hospital for the two repeaters located there. In summary, a motion was made by **Don Edwards-WS4NC**, seconded by **John Kippe-KIPPE** and positive vote was held and approved to allocate up to \$1500 to purchase communication equipment, cables and antennas to eliminate the phone line costs.

9. Arduino Class: Don Edwards-WS4NC announced that an Arduino class is planned for 1 October at INMAR.

10. Club Project Meeting: Steve Patterson-WA3RTC stated that there would be meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Miller Park Community Center for anyone to talk about, participate and make electronic projects.

11. Meeting Suggestions: General discussion was held on meeting content that would be helpful to newcomers to Amateur Radio, ie, coax cable repair and installation of connectors. It was suggested that the club needs Skywarn classes in 2017.

12. Handheld Radio Battery Replacement: Steven Mierisch-KG4JWU stated the need to replace batteries and some antennas in club handheld radios. Replacements were agreed to and **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** told Steven to provide him a list of what was needed and he would order the needed items.

13. ARES Report: Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT was not able to attend the meeting but general discussion was held on the previous weekends Tour to Tanglewood MS fundraiser event. The primary topic was on the limited use of APRS tracking in the event, but suggesting that APRS in either handheld radios or in cellphone with APRS apps would have growing value in future events that club members would be involved in.

14. Adjournment of Meeting: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Harold Richardson-N4HER**, seconded by **Jeff Stafford-AC4YN** and meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours.