

Minutes of the Board of Directors Business Meeting, Forsyth Amateur Radio Club—17 October 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, 17 October 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 1932 hours. He welcomed all meeting attendees.
- 2. Meeting Attendees:** The seventeen meeting attendees were **Jim Atkins-W4UX, Harold Richardson-N4HER, Terry Brown-AK4D, Don Edwards-WS4NC, David Shoaf-KC4X, John Kippe-K1PPE, Jim Register-KV4SJ, Sam Poindexter-NI4TG, Daryl Knight-N5WK, Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL, Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT, Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ, Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV, Jeffrey Lansing-KM4BON, Frankie Lansing-KM4CBQ and Kent Englebert-K4HKE.**
- 3. Treasurers Report:** **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO**, FARC Treasurer, stated that the club balance was \$3801.67.
- 4. CQ World Wide Contest:** Discussion was held on the upcoming CQ World Wide SSB Contest, which starts at 8pm local time on Friday, 18 October and ends at 8pm Sunday, 20 October. The club shack will be open in shifts of 8pm to 11pm on Friday, 10am to 2pm on Saturday and a shift on Sunday afternoon for club members interested in operating. **Don Edwards-WS4NC** will send out an email on this.
- 5. Nomination Committee:** A nomination committee consisting of **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, Terry Brown-AK4D, Jim Atkins-W4UX, and David McDonald-N5WMB** presented a listing of club member candidates for club officer positions for calendar year 2017. The listing of candidates consist of **David Shoaf-KC4X** for club **President**, **Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV** for club **Vice-President**, **Jim Register-KV4SJ** for club **Secretary** and **Kent Englebert-K4HKE** for club **Treasurer**. All four key officer positions are open for 2017, the first occurrence of this in many years. In addition to presenting the above candidates for election at the November meeting, the floor will also be opened for nominations to be taken from the floor prior to voting.
- 6. Dayton Hamfest:** **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** led general discussion of the 2017 Dayton Hamfest which is reported to be moved from the FARA arena to the Greene County fairgrounds at Xenia, Ohio. Discussion was held on potential bus transportation to the hamfest, housing in Dayton and preliminary estimates of cost per person.
- 7. December Holiday Party:** **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** reported that he has reconfirmed the 5 December 6pm reservation for the FARC Holiday party at the River Ridge Taphouse located at 1480 River Ridge Drive in the shopping center located at the intersection of US 421 and Lewisville-Clemmons Road.

8. Technical and Repeater Report: **Dale Mierisch-WB9SZZ** updated everyone on the repeater status. The 146.640 repeater was down and a fix was being examined. Lengthy discussion was held on developing a system to replace the landline phone connection for access to the repeaters located in the Baptist Hospital, either pulling new access cables or setting up a line of sight communication signal from the Red Cross building.

9. ARES Report: **Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT** updated everyone on the after action review of the Tour to Tanglewood MS fundraiser event. He reported that everyone was pleased with the communications support the club provided.

10. Firstfest Hamfest: **Jim Atkins-W4UX** reported that he had received the ARRL info and prize packet for the **FARC Firstfest Hamfest** scheduled for 14 January at Summit School at 2100 Reynolda Road from 7am to 11am.

11. Jamboree on the Air: **Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV** updated everyone about the recent Cub/Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air. He had QSO's with several Boy Scouts, but it appeared that Cub Scouts were more active in this event.

12. Upcoming Club Meeting Topics: Planned upcoming club meeting topics are:

- a. 14 November: **Don Edwards-WS4NC** will give a presentation on test equipment.
- b. 5 December: FARC Holiday party....details are covered in paragraph 7.
- c. 9 January: Show and Tell
- d. Future Topics: Skywarn Training, EMP, FD Preparation (June Meeting)

13. Adjournment of Meeting: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ**, seconded by **Jim Register-KV4SJ** and meeting was adjourned at 2025 hours.