

Frederick Amateur Radio Club (FARC) Minutes
Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2015

Meeting: The club meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by President Brian Rozelle – AB3RW

Attendees: There were 14 attendees. A List of Attendees is attached to the Minutes.

Last Month's Minutes: Approved as read

New Licenses: None

Upgrades: None

Treasurer's Report: None

New Member Application(s): An application with fee was received from Glenn Silver, K3GLS. Glenn's application to the club was approved by the members present.

Old or Ongoing Business: Jeff Fishman – KB3FIO discussed the upcoming indoor tailgate event scheduled for March 16. Jeff said that the event is a sanctioned ARRL Hamfest. The League will be sending us banners and some items to raffle off or give away. Jeff obtained permission from the President of the Independent Hose Company to hold the tailgating event and the cost is \$150.00 for three hours. Jeff said that if the event, our second, is a success, we might want to hold the next one on a Saturday or Sunday. We will charge people selling items \$20.00 for 2 tables. It will start at 6:00 PM. He called for volunteers to help set up the hall and to arrive at 5:00 PM.

A table will be provided for donated items. He mentioned that our meeting hall may be undergoing renovations on April and therefore we may want to have a social gathering at a restaurant on the April meeting date.

Brian Rozelle discussed the upcoming license examinations we will hold during the tailgating event. It will be necessary to find a quiet room for the exams. A discussion was held regarding which VEC the tests should be held under (either ARRL or Laurel). Any ARRL VEC testing requires a \$15.00 fee whereas the Laurel VEC does not charge any fee. A decision will have to be made regarding which VEC to use.

Brian announced that at the next meeting, Phil Stalnaker – W3ICF and a few others will give a presentation which will be an introduction to D Star.

New Business: Club elections were held. Brian Rozelle and Emmett Bonner agreed to stay on as President and Secretary respectively and both were re-elected. Gary Smith – N3DCA- was elected Vice President. The vote for Treasurer was postponed until Mark Whitmore can be asked if he is willing to continue in that post.

Brian Rozelle suggested possible activities for the club this year. He recommended additional fox hunts, perhaps in April and the fall. This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting. Jeff Fishman said we may participate in the March of Dimes and Gran Fondo events. Brian Rozelle discussed Field Day. He said that last year, we had almost no participation in the event and as a result, we will have to decide whether to participate in Field Day this year.

Brian called on the club members to suggest possible activities for us this year and asked to be contacted by email with any suggestions.

Committee Reports:

-RACES - No report.

-ARES – Jeff Fishman – KB3FIO stated that the Hike Across Maryland will be held this year, and it is normally held the end of April or early May. The Hike is sponsored by the Mountain Club of Maryland. Jeff expects that we will be called on once again to assist. The hike is about 40 miles, beginning at the Pennsylvania border and following the Appalachian Trail to Harper's Ferry. On another matter, Jeff said he has heard nothing further about whether the Frederick office of the Red Cross in Walkersville will be affected by budget cuts.

-SKYWARN - Herb Palm – K3HCP Said that there are upcoming classes for Skywarn. He reminded the club that Skywarn Spotters should take a refresher course every 3 years. Herb passed around a list of offered classes and the dates for the classes.

Other: Self introductions were done for the benefit of our new member, Glenn Silver.

End of Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Attendees:

Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD
Brian Rozelle – AB3RW
Jeff Fishman – KB3FIO
John Hart – K3KWO
Gary Smith – KC3DGJ
Lou Popowsky – KB3RNT
Ben Nardi – W3ZUP
Bryant Meldrum – N3NON
Herb Palm – K3HCP
Leonard Keepers – KB3NL
Glenn Silver – K3GLS
John Snow – W3ATR
Phil Stalnaker – W3ICF
Jim Gillespie – K3DQ

Respectfully submitted,
Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD