

Frederick Amateur Radio Club (FARC) Minutes
Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2016

Meeting: The club meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by President Brian Rozelle AB3RW.

Attendees: There were 12 attendees. A List of Attendees is attached to the Minutes.

Last Month's Minutes: The September 19th minutes were approved as read.

New Licenses: None

Upgrades: None

Treasurer's Report: Bryant Meldrum – N3NON, Treasurer, reported that there has been no change in his report of last month with the checking account balance at \$17,152.63 and the Pay Pal account balance at \$341.51 for a total of \$17,494.14 in club funds. The Treasurer's report was approved as read. Jeff Fishman – KB3FIO brought up the subject of investing some of the club funds in one or more CDs. Bryant said he had checked the internet banks and found that the rate for an 18 month CD is approximately 1.25%. Jeff made a motion that \$10,000 of club funds be invested in CDs and to allow the treasurer to decide on the number of CDs and their duration. Bryant stated that preliminarily he was recommending the purchase of one each of 6 month, one year and 18 month CDs. The motion was approved by the members. Bryant said the interest earned on the CDs will not result in any taxes as the earnings will be below the minimum income needed to require a tax return be filed.

New Member Application(s): None

Old or Ongoing Business: Brian Rozelle reported that the Fox Hunt was held on Saturday, October 15th at Baker Park. Four members participated with Jeff Fishman finding one fox and Herb Palm – K3HCP finding three foxes.

New Business : Brian Rozelle reminded the club that there will be exam testing prior to the next meeting. He stated that we need to start planning activities for next year. Jeff Fishman recommended that he be allowed to check the dates of other scheduled Hamfest before the club announces a date in March for our Hamfest. Jeff will check the dates of other Hamfests and report back at the next meeting. A discussion was held whether the club should charge admission or alternatively, ask for donations at the Hamfest. If admission is charged, then a separate location will be needed to conduct exams. Jeff said he had not heard from Gary Smith – N3DCA, club Vice President, regarding the possible use of AOPA facilities by the club. No decision was reached regarding the subject of attendance fees for the Hamfest.

The December meeting will take place at a restaurant yet to be determined.

Committee Reports:

-ARES- Jeff Fishman reported that the search and rescue exercise at Catoctin Park has been scaled back quite a bit and there may be no need of our participation in the event. He said the

exercise is conducted yearly and rotated among all the counties in the state. He will inform the club of specifics when they become finalized.

-RACES – No report.

-SKYWARN –No Report.

OTHER : Jeff Fishman suggested the showing ARRL videos on ham topics after the meetings are adjourned. Typically these are approximately 15 minutes in length. There also are videos available on You Tube. Hopefully it may add a technical component to our meetings that would be interesting to us and perhaps prospective new members as well. Jeff will bring a video to the next meeting and asked for a member to bring a large laptop for members to view the video.

End of Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM followed by general discussion among the members.

Attendees:

Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD
Jeff Fishman – KB3FIO
Bryant Meldrum – N3NON
Mike Myers – K3DO
Mark Whitmore – AB3KS
Glen Dorsey – WA3CAU
Brian Rozelle – AB3RU
Herb Palm – K3HCP
Leonard Keepers – KB3NL
Ben Nardi – W3ZUP
Mel Schall – KB3ZVB
David Kindred – K3PO

Respectfully submitted,
Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD