

Frederick Amateur Radio Club (FARC) Minutes
Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2014

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

Attendees: There were 10 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): None

Old or Ongoing Business: None

New Business: Jeff Fishman (KB3FIO) stated that he has attempted to telephone the President of the Independent Hose Company to get permission for the Club to hold a table top sale on March 16, 2015 during the time we would normally be holding our March meeting. He expects to obtain permission in the next day or two. It was discussed that the Timonium table top sale is no longer to occur so there will be no conflict with that club. Jeff will email ARRL to get an announcement in QST magazine, perhaps the February 2015 issue. Club President Brian Rozelle (AB3RW) stated that he believed the club was still an ARRL affiliated club. Jeff Fishman will get the event announced in the MDC news. The price we will charge to allow people to sell items at the table top sale has not been formally decided as of yet.

Brian Rozelle suggested that it might be beneficial for the club to hold a license examination session at a regular club meeting time, in the future. Brian is a Volunteer Examiner. Three are needed to conduct ham examinations. Brian recalled that to administer the General and Amateur Extra tests, all three of the VECs must hold an Amateur Extra class license. It was felt that we could ask VEs in the area to assist us if we don't have enough VEs in the club at present. No date was discussed.

Committee Reports:

-RACES - No report.

-ARES – Jeff Fishman reported that the Red Cross is going to be consolidating offices as the result of a budget cutting effort. He is hoping the Frederick office in Walkersville will not be closed and he thinks it will probably remain open. He will monitor the situation and we should know the outcome of the budget cuts as they pertain to Walkersville within a couple of months. Jeff said that if the Red Cross Station remains open, he suggests the club install a vertical mast, to be supplied by Mike Barrett, and a wire antenna for HF.

-SKYWARN - No report.

Other: Self introductions were done for the benefit of a visitor, Nate Workman, who is studying for his license. A discussion of on-line practice exam web sites was held. The availability of many testing locations was also brought to Nate's attention.

End of Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Attendees:

Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD
Brian Rozelle – AB3RW
Jeff Fishman – KB3FIO
John Hart – K3KWO
Gary Smith – KC3DGJ
Lou Popowsky – KB3RNT
Mel Schall – KB3ZVB
Ben Nardi – W3ZUP
Bryant Meldrum – N3NON
Nate Workman - Visitor

Respectfully submitted,
Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD