

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

Meeting: The club meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by President Brian Rozelle – AB3RW

Attendees: There were 15 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: Treasurer, Mark Whitmore – AB3KS reported that the total of the checking account, PayPal and cash is \$14, 786.31. This balance does not include the dues and donations received at the January meeting, but will be updated at the March meeting. The only outstanding bill is \$80.00 for the post office box for one year.

New Member Application(s):

William Wilkes – WA2AIS

He was approved for membership at the February 17, 2014 meeting.

Old or Ongoing Business: Jeff Fishman reminded club members that next month's meeting would include the table top tail gaiting event. He called for volunteers to arrive at 5:30 to help set up. The event is to end at 9:00 PM

New Business:

Club President Brian Rozelle –AB3RW- Suggested the club have quarterly dinners at the Golden Corral. There seemed to be a consensus that the dinner would also include the regularly scheduled meeting. It was voted that the April meeting will take place at the Golden Corral. Jeff Fishman said that he would make an announcement regarding the dinner on the reflector.

Brian also suggested that the club initiate a monthly "rag chew" on the 146.64 FACR repeater. It could be beneficial for new members to get used to operating on the air by speaking with hams they already know. It was agreed that the suggestion be put on the reflector to obtain feedback as to which day and time would work best.

Next, Brian suggested the club hold a "Ham Cram", which is an all-day teaching session to prepare students to take the Technician Class license examination immediately following the end of the day of classes. Such an event will require 3 Volunteer Examiners. Brian offered to be one of the instructors and asked for volunteers. More discussion on this subject will take place in future meetings.

Committee Reports:

-RACES- No report.

-ARES- Jeff Fishman – KB3FIO - reported that he established a Packet Net on the first Monday of each month at 8:30 PM.

Jeff then described the procedure to become an official Red Cross Volunteer in a shelter. He explained that to use the station at the Red Cross shelter on an informal basis, it is not necessary to become an Official Red Cross Volunteer. Simply contact Jeff and he will arrange to loan a club member the access card to the shelter. He noted that the station at the Red Cross shelter is not a club station, but rather, an ARES station.

On another subject, Jeff reported that Frederick Memorial Hospital is another served agency, and he and his volunteers are in the process of setting up a packet and Winlink 2,000 node. It will be capable of accessing the internet which will allow messages to be sent anywhere in the world.

-SKYWARN- No report.

Other : A presentation was given by Keith Wilkes - KB3TCB- Titled: "Broadband – Hamnet, HSMM MESH". It was a very detailed presentation with slides, as well a demonstration set-up of all relevant equipment to show how the communication system actually works. It was an in-depth and thoroughly prepared session lasting one hour and ten minutes

End of Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Attendees:

Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD
Brian Rozelle – AB3RW
Tom Kline – None
Keith Elkin – KB3TCB (presenter)
Jeff Fishman – KB3FIO
Louis Popowsky – KB3NRT
Bill Wilkes – WA3AIS
Leonard Keepers – KB3NL
Bryant Meldrum - N3NON
Jim Gillespie – K3DQ
David Kindred - K3PO
Herb Palm – K3HCP
Mark Whitmore – AB3KS
David Kindred – K3PO
Mel Schall – KB3ZVB

Respectfully submitted,
Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD