

Frederick Amateur Radio Club (FARC) Minutes
Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2016

Meeting: The club meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Brian Rozelle – AB3RW

Attendees: There were 17 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: Bryant Meldrum – N3NON, Treasurer could not be in attendance due to his duties as a judge at the early voting for the Maryland Primary. Mark Whitmore – AB3KS brought Bryant's written report to the meeting which he read to the club. The checking account balance is \$16,772.79. The PayPal account is \$254.73 for a total of \$17,027.52 in club funds. Bryant reported that the Ham Fest raised a total of \$2,136.50. The report was approved as read.

New Member Application(s): None.

Old or Ongoing Business: Jeff Fishman – KB3FIO thanked the club for all the help that made the Ham Fest a success. Jeff estimated that total attendees were approximately 300. He said that holding the event on a Saturday resulted in a far superior turnout compared to having it on a night during the week. Brian Rozelle said that the license testing offered at the Ham Fest went well. There were 3 upgrades to Amateur Extra, 1 Technician to General, and 3 from no license to Technician. Two failed to pass their examination. Thus a total of 9 people were tested.

Brian Rozelle called for volunteers for club Secretary to relieve Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD.

New Business : Brian Rozelle discussed the upcoming Field Day and recommended the Walmart parking lot on Buckeystown Pike which we have used on the past. There is a lot of foot traffic there and people do come over to see what is going on. The store is open 24 hours a day and has rest room facilities. Brian said he would like to have a cookout during Field Day to show appreciation to the club members. A vote was taken and the Walmart location was approved as the location for the next Field Day.

The next Fox Hunt will take place on Saturday, May 1, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the Heritage Farm Park in Walkersville.

Committee Reports:

-ARES - Jeff Fishman discussed upcoming public events. The March for Babies will take place in Middletown on May 1, 2016. Jeff has not received a map and specific detail of the march yet. He will put the specifics on the reflectors when he receives them. Jeff said normally we need 3 to 4 volunteers for this event.

Jeff reported that Mike Myers – KB3MM is now the Trustee for all the repeaters.

The Tour de Frederick will likely be in mid-August. The event will be based out of the airport. More information will be sent out when received.

The Gran Fondo is normally held in mid-September. The plan for the event is usually promulgated two to three weeks prior to the event. Jeff will send out the information as soon as he receives it.

-RACES – No report.

-SKYWARN – No report. Jeff Fishman said he would contact Jim Ridgley – N3HTA to see if Jim still wants to be the Skywarn Committee head.

OTHER : Introductions were held for the benefit of two visitors.

Keith Elkin – KB3TBC gave an excellent 45 minute presentation on the Mid Atlantic IP Network. Keith has been diligently working on creating a low power microwave network in Maryland and Virginia. The presentation included slides and samples of some of the equipment used in the network. The club members appreciated his fine effort in showing in detail how the system functions and how he has been able to grow the network.

End of Meeting: The business of meeting was ended at 7:40 PM and the presentation by Keith Elkin ended at 8:25 PM.

Attendees:

Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD
Brian Rozelle – AB3RW
Mike Myers – KB3MM
Jeff Fishman – KB3FIO
Gary Smith – N3DCA
Mark Whitmore – AB3KS
John Hart – K3KWO
Rolan Clark – W3FPK
Philip Stalnaker – W3ICF
Justin Kennedy – KC3GRE
John A. Wittkamper – KC3FZV
Sean Fitzgerald – None
John Hart – K3KWO
Mel Schall – K3ZVB
Sean McAdam – NE3RD
Keith Elkin – KB3TCB
Bob Galandak – KC3GUA

Respectfully submitted,
Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD