

Frederick Amateur Radio Club (FARC) Minutes
Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2015

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

Attendees: There were 19 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: Mark Whitmore, Treasurer, - AB3KS reported that \$30.00 was collected for dues and the total collected from the Hamfest was \$861.00 . Payments made were: \$150.00 to the Independent Hose Company for the Hamfest and \$51.00 for the stickers for the antenna trailer. The checking account balance is \$15,555.38 and the Pay Pal balance is \$184.06 for a total of \$15,741.44 of club funds.

New Member Application(s): Three applications with fees were received from the following: Joe Anderson – KC3EHC, James Myers – KC3ELZ and John Wiltberger – AB3WX
All three applications to the club were individually approved by the members present.

Old or Ongoing Business: Jeff Fishman - KB3FIO thanked the club members for their help at our recent Hamfest. Jeff recommended that next year we hold the event on either a Saturday or Sunday, which should help increase attendance.

New Business: Brian Rozelle reminded the club that Mark Whitmore is seeking a replacement to assume his current duties as club Treasurer. Mark has done a fine job of getting our tax documents and insurance policies back in order. Please see Mark or Brian if you are interested. Brian announced that a Club Net will now take place every other Wednesday at 7:00 PM on the 146.640 repeater (the club's repeater). The next meeting will be a dinner meeting to take place at the Flaming Grill.

Committee Reports:

-RACES - No report.

-ARES – Jeff Fishman reminded the club that we have two upcoming public service events . The first is the March of Dimes, March for Babies on Sunday, April 26, 2015 at the Urbana District Park from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon. The second is the Hike Across America on Saturday May 2. Jeff said as The Emergency Coordinator for Frederick County he was happy to announce the newest Assistant Emergency Coordinator which is Gary Smith – N3DCA. Jeff said that Mike Barrett is now heading RACES.

-SKYWARN - Herb Palm – K3HCP reported that a program on Floods will be held on May 28, 2015 in Prince Georges County at the Laurel City Hall and that Basic is required to attend the program.

Other: Jeff Fishman said that the club as a couple of 2 meter radios that can be lent for about 6 months to newly licensed hams so they can get on the air quickly. Additionally there are some dual band antennas which can also be borrowed from the club.

Self-introductions were next done for the benefit of our three new members.

Next, a presentation on D-Star was presented by Phil Stalnaker - W3ICF and his son John – N3VTV. They were assisted by John Snow - W3ATR and Roland Clark - W3FDK. The presentation also included the radios and equipment used in D-Star. The members are grateful to all of them for such a detailed presentation.

End of Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Attendees:

Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD
Brian Rozelle – AB3RW
Jeff Fishman – KB3FIO
John Hart – K3KWO
Gary Smith – KC3DGJ
Ben Nardi – W3ZUP
Bryant Meldrum – N3NON
Herb Palm – K3HCP
Leonard Keepers – KB3NL
Glenn Silver – K3GLS
John Snow – W3ATR
Phil Stalnaker – W3ICF
John Stalnaker – N3NVTV
Mark Whitmore – AB3KS
Joe Anderson – KC3EHC
James Myers – KC3ELZ
Sean McAdams – KC3DHX
Roland Clark – W3FDK
John Wiltberger – AB3WX

Respectfully submitted,
Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD