

Frederick Amateur Radio Club (FARC) Minutes
Meeting Minutes for June 15, 2015

Meeting: The club meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by President Brian Rozelle – AB3RW

Attendees: There were 12 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 the club's cash balance is \$15,421.61.

New Member Application(s): An email application was received from Mark Vitek – KC3DGE, but no membership fee has been received. Treasurer, Mark Whitmore sent him an email inviting him to our next meeting so that he can provide the membership fee and be voted into the club.

Old or Ongoing Business: Jeff Fishman - KB3FIO reported that the club had received a donation from a ham who was moving into a new residence that did not allow antennas. Jeff said the items include a couple of HF radios, some VHF radios and power supplies. He also reported that the equipment is top of the line. Treasurer Mark Whitmore said that he had valued the donation at approximately \$1,600, based upon eBay sales. He indicated that the equipment is available for club members to borrow, especially new hams. Jeff also indicated that the items are also for sale. Some items may be put up for sale at the next tailgating event. Mark Whitmore offered to provide a list of the equipment donated via the reflector.

In additional old business, Brian Roselle reminded the club that we are still looking for a new Treasurer to relieve Mark Whitmore. Anyone interested should speak with Brian.

New Business: Brian Rozelle discussed the need for a member to volunteer to take charge of next year's Field Day event. He said that he is fairly certain that Walmart would allow the club to set up our Field Day event in their parking lot as they have done in the past. If you have an interest, please see Brian.

Brian next led a discussion regarding the next fox hunts. It was decided that the dates will be Saturday, September 12, 2015 and Saturday, April 16, 2016. He said if there is sufficient interest, an additional date could be added. Mel Schall – KB3ZVB asked if members of the Civil Air Patrol could attend and Brian encouraged their participation. Members were reminded that a directional antenna for fox hunt could be made from a metal measuring tape, such as the antenna made by Herb Palm – K3HCP and demonstrated by Herb at a meeting last year.

Committee Reports:

-RACES - No report.

-ARES – Jeff Fishman reported that the upcoming Tour de Frederick bike race is scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 2015. Jeff asked Sean McAdam - NE3RD to describe the upcoming race. Sean said there will be 3 races: 100 miles, 60 miles and 30 miles. The race organizers are looking for assistance with communications. There will be 5 check points. Sean said that all locations should have access to the 06 repeater but more transmit power will be needed to hit the repeater from Gettysburg. Sean plans to meet with the race director soon to discuss the planning and manage expectations regarding the assistance that can be provided. The check points will all have water and some may also have food. All but one have a rest room.

-SKYWARN – No report.

End of Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Attendees:

Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD
Brian Rozelle – AB3RW
Jeff Fishman – KB3FIO
John Hart – K3KWO
Bryant Meldrum – N3NON
Glenn Silver – K3GLS
Mark Whitmore – AB3KS
Sean McAdams – KC3DHX
Lou Popowski – KB3RNT
Mike Myers – KB3MM
Mel Schall – KB3ZVB
Jim Gillespie – K3DQ

Respectfully submitted,
Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD