

Frederick Amateur Radio Club (FARC) Minutes
Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2016

Meeting: The club meeting was called to order at 7:05 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: Bryant Meldrum – N3NON, Treasurer, reported that the checking account balance is \$16,765.96 and the PayPal account of \$254.73 plus cash not yet deposited equals a total of \$17,459.69 in club funds. Bryant reported that the club received a check for \$400.00 from the organizers of Tour de Frederick for the assistance provided in their last event. The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

New Member Application(s): There were applications for membership from two new members: Ray Wright – KC3RW and his wife, Kerri Wright – KB3WAV. Both Ray and Kerri hold Amateur Extra licenses. Their membership was approved by a vote at the meeting.

Old or Ongoing Business: Mike Myers – K3DO reminded the members that Field Day will be on June 25 and 26, 2016. Set up will be prior to the start time of 2PM. The contest runs for 24 hours, from 2PM Saturday until 2PM Sunday. Mike will provide 2 canopies.

Brian Rozelle, AB3RW reported that the new 440 repeater is now operational. The 2 meter repeater is still located on Montview Lane. The building where it is housed is no longer owned by the County. The repeater will be moved to a new building next to the tower where the antenna is installed.

Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD, Secretary, asked for a volunteer to take over the duties of club Secretary. Brian Rozelle said he would post a notice on the club website calling for a volunteer.

New Business : Brian Rozelle stated that the fox hunt was finally held a week ago. The next Fox hunt will take place at Baker Park on October 8, 2016.

Dave Kindred – K3PO asked the members to consider holding a Ham Cram to assist people interested in ham radio in getting their first license during a one day event. Several members expressed an interest in participating in such an event, but no specific plan to accomplish this was formulated.

Committee Reports:

-ARES Jeff Fishman – KB3FIO reported on the status of the club station at the Red Cross building. The building is still up for sale and there have been no offers yet. The Red Cross will give Jeff 30 days notice to provide time to remove the equipment. Jeff investigated the possibility of locating the station at the Blood Donation Center on Thomas Johnson Drive, but it seems unlikely they will be running any sort of disaster communication operation there. Once the club equipment is removed from the Red Cross building, there will no club station and no ARES station.

Jeff asked members for ideas for a new location for the station. He also asked the club to consider whether we actually need a club station since the previous club stations were greatly underutilized.

-RACES – No report.

-SKYWARN –Brian Rozelle reported that there was no activation of Skywarn since the last meeting.

OTHER : Introductions were held for the benefit of Ray Wright who had joined the club at the meeting.

End of Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM followed by general discussion among the members.

Attendees:

Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD
Brian Rozelle – AB3RW
Jeff Fishman – KB3FIO
Mel Schall – K3ZVB
Leonard Keepers – KB3NL
Herb Palm – K3HCP
Bryant Meldrum – N3NON
Ben Nardi – W3ZUP
Glenn Silver – K3GLS
David Kindred – K3PO
Mike Myers – K3DO
Ray Wright – KC3RW

Respectfully submitted,
Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD