

Frederick Amateur Radio Club (FARC) Minutes
Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2014

Meeting: The club meeting was called to order at 7:03 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: Treasurer, Mark Whitmore - AB3KS - reported that the total in the checking account is \$15,104.87. Mark said the club typically spends \$600 - \$700 per year, so the cash balance in the checking account will last for many years to come.

New Member Application(s):

Erik Russell – K8ESR

He was approved for membership at the June 16, 2014 meeting.

Visitor: Our visitor was Paige Jones, a staff reporter from the Frederick News – Post. Paige was at the meeting to write a story about our club and amateur radio, and she stayed for the entire meeting. The club spent most of the meeting taking turns, providing Paige with information about amateur radio and its capabilities. The story appeared the next day on the front page of the paper.

Old or Ongoing Business: Mike Barrett – K3MMB reported that the RV would be at the Field Day location at the Red Cross Chapter House in Walkersville during the contest. He said the RV will have portable antenna systems as well as a 4K generator and batteries.

Brian Rozelle – AB3RW led a discussion to pick dates for the 2 meter contest as well as the fox hunt. The members present chose a tentative date of Saturday, September 20, 2014 for the 2 meter contest. It was then decided that the fox hunt will take place Saturday, October 25, 2014.

Dave Kindred – K3PO brought a battery operated miniature transmitter that could be used for the fox hunt and demonstrated it for the club. Dave reported that the power of the transmitter is 300 milliwatts. The transmitter can easily be hidden due to its small size.

Herb Palm – K3HCP showed the club a home brew portable 2 meter Yagi antenna which could be used during the upcoming fox hunt. Herb made the antenna from a roll of one inch wide metal measuring tape and PVC pipe. Herb demonstrated the antenna by receiving the signal being sent from the Dave Kindred's miniature transmitter.

Brian Rozelle reminded the members that the next meeting would take place at The Golden Coral at 6:30 pm.

New Business: No reports.

Committee Reports:

-RACES- No report.

-ARES- Jeff Fishman – KB3FIO reported that the American Red Cross Chapter House in Walkersville is ready for the club's Field Day operations beginning at 1400 local Time on Saturday, June 28, 2014. There will be a couple of HF operating positions and a VHF/UHF operating position.

-SKYWARN- No report.

End of Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Attendees:

Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD
Brian Rozelle – AB3RW
Mike Barrett – K3MMB
Keith Elkin – KB3TCB
Jim Ridgley – N3HTA
Louis Popowsky – KB3NRT
Leonard Keepers – KB3NL
Herb Palm – K3HCP
Mark Whitmore – AB3KS
Ben Nardi – W3ZUP
Henrik Johansen – KE3YP (visitor/prospective member)
Jeff Fishman – KB3FIO
David Kindred – K3PO
Jim Gillespie – K3DQ
Eric Rogers – N3LY
Glenn Dorsey – WA3CGU
Eric Russell – K8ESR

Respectfully submitted,
Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD