

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

Meeting: The club meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Vice President Gary Smith – N3DCA.

Attendees: There were 13 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, provided Mike Myers – K3DO with the figures for the treasurer's report as follows: The checking account balance is \$16,902.63 and the Pay Pal account balance is \$254.73 for a total of \$17,157.36 in club funds. The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

New Member Application(s): None

Old or Ongoing Business: Mike Myers who coordinated this year's Field Day, reported that the club filed for 1008 points and made 257 contacts. The GOTA station only had 2 contacts and thus earned no points. Mike said that the band conditions were poor, and also noisy due to local interference.

New Business : Gary Smith discussed the possibility of moving the club meeting site for regular monthly meetings, and also the location of the club station, to Frederick Airport, at the AOPA National Aeronautics Community Center. A discussion regarding antenna heights was held. Gary will call APOA tomorrow to see if this is possible.

Committee Reports:

-ARES- Jeff Fishman – KB3FIO reported that the Tour de Frederick is coming up next month. When he gets more information he will get it out to the club members. Sean McAdam – NE3RD said 9 mobile units will be in operation and he is hoping to have each one manned by a radio operator volunteer. There will be 6 aid stations

Jeff Fishman stated that the equipment needed is a radio with a cigarette lighter connection for power and either a mag-mount or clip-on antenna. This year the 195 repeater in Thurmont will probably be used. The start and stop for the event will be at the AOPA hanger at the Frederick Airport. Jeff advised the members that we expect to receive \$400 donation from Tour de Frederick for our participation in providing communications.

-RACES – No report.

-SKYWARN –No Report.

OTHER : Introductions were held for the benefit of Rick Collins, a visitor. Rick indicated that he may want to become an amateur radio operator.

Rick Ogden – N3RO, a former president of the club for 10 years, made a gift to the club of many photo albums dating back to 1978, which he put together specifically to provide the club with an historical photographic record of the clubs members and activities over the years. Rick passed the albums around for all to see while he provided a talk on the clubs history. We greatly appreciate Rick's devotion to the club in preserving its history and his generosity in making the albums, and for presenting them as a gift to the club.

End of Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM followed by general discussion among the members.

Attendees:

Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD
Jeff Fishman – KB3FIO
Leonard Keepers – KB3NL
Herb Palm – K3HCP
Bryant Meldrum – N3NON
Mike Myers – K3DO
Gary Smith – N3DCA
Sean McAdam – NE3RD
Rick Collins – No license
Glenn Dorsey – WA3CGU
Rick Ogden – N3RO
John Hart – K3KWO
Mark Whitmore – AB3KS

Respectfully submitted,
Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD