

Frederick Amateur Radio Club (FARC) Minutes
Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2016

Meeting: The club meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Vice President Gary Smith – N3DCA.

Attendees: There were 10 attendees. A List of Attendees is attached to the Minutes.

Last Month's Minutes: The July 18th minutes were approved as read. There were no minutes taken for the August 15th meeting.

New Licenses: None

Upgrades: None

Treasurer's Report: Bryant Meldrum – N3NON, Treasurer, reported that the checking account balance is \$17,152.63 and the Pay Pal account balance is \$341.51 for a total of \$17,494.14 in club funds. The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

New Member Application(s): None

Old or Ongoing Business: Gary Smith stated that he would like another member of the club to visit the National Aeronautical Community Center (NACC) at the Frederick Airport as well as the Pilot Planning Room, also there, to provide an opinion of the suitability as a location for the club station. Jeff Fishman – KB3FIO volunteered to visit the locations with Gary to assess the suitability to install antennas, and as a location for Field Day

New Business : Gary Smith opened a discussion regarding whether the club should consider moving some of the club's funds from the checking account to another interest bearing account such as a certificate of deposit or a money market account. It was felt that since interest rates are so low, it might not be worth the effort to make this change. Bryant Meldrum said he would spend some time to investigate the matter and would report back to the club prior to moving club funds into another account.

The next Ham exams are scheduled for November, before the regular monthly meeting.

Committee Reports:

-ARES- Jeff Fishman reported that the Gran Fondo race happened yesterday. Jeff stated that the event went very well from a communications standpoint. The 147.195 repeater worked well. There were some lapses in coordination in that one of the SAG vehicles departed without a ham radio operator.

Jeff said that he received permission to put up a dual band antenna at the Red Cross in Hagerstown.

He was asked if the club would be able to participate in a search and rescue dog exercise during the first weekend in November at Catoctin Park. Jeff believes the exercise is being conducted by

the State Police. We would be asked to help man the radios at the command center as opposed to going into the field. Perhaps only 2 to 3 people will be required. Preliminarily, the hours would be from Noon Friday until 1:00 AM Saturday and then from 6:00 AM Saturday until 1:00 AM Sunday. When Jeff receives more information he will put it on the repeater.

The Maryland Simulated Emergency Test (SET) is scheduled for 1 October.

-RACES – No report.

-SKYWARN –No Report.

OTHER : At the meeting we had a visitor, Ray Italia – K2RC from Mt. Airy who primarily operates CW.

End of Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM followed by general discussion among the members.

Attendees:

Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD

Jeff Fishman – KB3FIO

Bryant Meldrum – N3NON

Mike Myers – K3DO

Gary Smith – N3DCA

Sean McAdam – NE3RD

John Hart – K3KWO

Mark Whitmore – AB3KS

Glenn Silver – K3GLS

Ray Italia – K2RC

Respectfully submitted,
Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD