

Frederick Amateur Radio Club (FARC) Minutes
Meeting Minutes for September 21, 2015

Meeting: The club meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Brian Rozelle – AB3RW

Attendees: There were 11 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: None.

New Member Application(s): None.

Old or Ongoing Business: None.

New Business: Brian Rozelle reminded the members that there are upcoming items including the selection of club officers for 2016 and the on-going license examination sessions which we now provide quarterly. We will continue to hold examinations under the auspices of the Laurel VEC. Brian has been pleased with their level of support and very quick processing times in forwarding exam results to the FCC. The next exam session will be in November, and for next year possibly March. Also, on the upcoming agenda, will be our next Hamfest. A decision regarding the date will be made by the next regular club meeting. The October meeting will take place at the Flaming Grill. In November we will have a regular business meeting. In December there will be dinner meeting. Gary Smith – N3DCA suggested having the December dinner at the restaurant at the airport. He will contact the restaurant to make sure they can accommodate our group.

The Fox Hunt had to be canceled because of rain. Brian Rozelle polled the members present for an alternate date, and October 17, 2015 at 1:00 PM was agreed upon. It will take place at Heritage Farm Park in Walkersville.

Committee Reports:

-RACES – Jeff Fishman – KB3FIO discussed the Gran Fondo event that was held on September 20, 2015. He said that this year the event seemed to be a little short on volunteers and a little bit more disorganized. Jeff drove the sweep car for the 100 mile race but was asked by the organizers to retrieve signs along the way. This interfered with the primary responsibility of a sweep car driver which is safety. He will provide suggestions for improvement to the organizers. He also reported that the FARG repeater on 146.730 was not working well. The signal was weak and noisy. He offered Gran Fondo T shirts to those that participated in the club's activities for the event.

Jeff next reported that the WAN is not presently on at the MDXTRA repeater on 147.060. He is has not heard when it will be connected again. Jeff reported that the club repeater may be moved

from its present location at the EOC. No timetable or location is known at present. Jeff hopes that the repeater can remain at the current EOC location on Montevue Avenue. He next reported that the Red Cross Building that presently houses our club station is going to be sold. It may take a year and a half before we must retrieve the club equipment. An alternate location for the club station is unknown.

The ARES Simulated Emergency Test (SET) is scheduled for October 3, 2015 and will run from 10:00 AM until 1 or 2:00 PM. It is expected that the test will be a repeat of "Hurricane Chessy". The annual test is always held on the first Saturday in October. Jeff will send out information on the reflector.

-ARES – No report.

-SKYWARN – No report.

End of Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Attendees:

Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD
Brian Rozelle – AB3RW
John Hart – K3KWO
Bryant Meldrum – N3NON
Sean McAdam – KC3DHX
Mike Myers – KB3MM
Gary Smith – N3DCA
Jim Gillespie – K3DQ
Glenn Silver – K3GLS
Jeff Fishman – KB3FIO
Mel Schall – KB3ZVB

Respectfully submitted,
Emmett Bonner – WA4UWD