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The January 5th meeting of the Florence Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:25 P.M. by our new President, K4AVR, Mac Cullom. All present identified themselves.

PIO - Our new PIO, K4TGK, Tim Kaylor has only had the position for a few days. Since he is our Webmaster, he will be keeping us advised both at meetings and on the website.

VE – K4TGK, Tim Kaylor, has assumed the position of VE Coordinator for our WCARS VE group. He is working on making sure that all our VE's are scheduled for this year. We would also like to thank Wayne Howell, W4ORW, for his years of leading the Florence WCARS team. Our next VE session will be on Saturday, February 13th at 9:00 A.M. at the Methodist Manor.

Repeaters -- W4GEY reported that the '97 Repeater is working well. K4AVR reported that the '85 and the 444 repeaters are working properly. When the weather gets warmer, he will be making some updates to the 444.

Scholarship – K4AVR will be checking with FDTC to find the status of our scholarship and will report at the February meeting.

Net Manager – We are in need of a Net Manager for the Monday Night Ragchew Net. It is a very

January 5th Attendance

K4AVR – Mac Cullom
KG4YVJ – Suzie Cullom
KG4HIE – Scott Thompson
KM4NYV – Brian Foxworth
KD4BUF – Fletcher Townsend
WA4OPF – Horace Beasley
WA4BUO – Tom Morgan
K4TGK – Tim Kaylor
KC4WZL – Russell Washburn
W4GEY – James Starling
N4AAK – Bill Cheney
No Call – Marty Cheney
K7DVB – Bob Austin
No Call – Jan Austin
Guest – Doug Brian

February Birthdays

19 – Scott Thompson
23 – Glenn Greene



FARC Meeting
February 2, 2016
7:30 P.M.
Shoney's

easy job. K4AVR has been handling those duties and KG4YVJ is acting a Net Control most weeks.

QSO – KG4YVJ has restarted the QSO. She would like to have members submit any ideas they would like to see published.

Field Day – We need a Field Day Chairman. We have had some interest in working this event again after several years without participation. We need a good venue and we will investigate Ebenezer Park and possibly West Florence Fire Department. Anyone with location ideas should contact K4AVR.

Health & Welfare – KC4UTX. RK, had a bout of low blood sugar and was rushed to the ER but was stabilized quickly and returned home. KJ4LIF, Bekki, was hoping to come to this meeting but her father had a very bad day and she was needed at home.

Treasurer's Report – In the absence of KA3JAL, John Germain, KG4YVJ, Suzie, gave his report as follows:

Starting Balance:	\$2,033.19
'97 Phone Bill	<u>-- 65.73</u>
Ending Balance	\$1,967.43 **
Repeater Fund	\$6,997.66

** 2016 Renewal funds have not been deposited.

A motion was made to transfer \$500.00 to the Repeater Fund and the motion passed. In a few months, we may decide to move some funds to the Scholarship Fund.

Roster – N4AAK, Bill, asked about an updated roster. Once all members have renewed, an updated roster will be issued to members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Florence Darlington Tech Scholarship -- According to the folks at F-D Tech, the FARC Scholarship Fund stands at \$12,031.00 as of December 31 2015.

It is listed as an annual scholarship of \$500 to a student in the field of Electrical Engineering Technology or Network Systems Management. At current interest rates, the scholarship fund should be self-supporting without touching the \$10,000 principal; however, it would help to continue to add to the fund.

The name of the scholarship fund will be changed to "Florence Amateur Radio Club, Jack Jackson, N4JJ, Memorial Fund"

FARC Dues – Your 2016 FARC Dues are due. If you have not already renewed, please remember to bring your checkbook to the February meeting. Renewal Dues are \$36.00, with each additional family member being \$18.00. Remember a \$5.00 penalty is added in February and \$10.00 in March, If you are unable to make the meeting, mail your check to:

John Germain, KA3JAL
2731 Ascot Drive
Florence, SC 29501

Upcoming Events

February 6, 2016 Charleston Hamfest
March 5, 2016 Sandblast Rally
March 11 & 12, 2016 Charlotte Hamfest
March 19, 2016 McLeod Run/Walk
May 7, 2016 Clemson Rural Heritage Day
June 25 & 26, 2016 ARRL Field Day



SkyWarn Webinar – Mark your calendars! On Saturday, February 20, at 10 A.M., the Grand Strand ARC and the National Weather Service will be offering an Advanced Skywarn-Spotter training Webinar. For details go to the www.W4GS.org home page.

Also included are the details of what equipment and/or software you need for the Webinar. The GoToWebinar software is available as a 30-day free trial at www.citrix.com or you can participate directly from your browser (Firefox v34 or later or Google Chrome v39 or later). Apps are also available for both Android and Apple smartphones and tablets as well. All of this information is available in greater detail using the “View System Requirements” link on the W4GS homepage.

If you need the Basic Skywarn Spotter’s Course, which is required before taking the Advanced Course, there has been a link added to the W4GS webpage to allow you to take it online.

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