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The April 5th meeting of the Florence Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by our President, KK4MQN, Russell Wilson. All present identified themselves.

Secretary/Treasurer – Our Secretary/ Treasurer, Dean Lisenby, gave the Treasurers Report – As of today:

Total funds	\$10,238.55
Checking Account	\$2,737.89
Repeater Fund	\$7,500.66

There is no change to the Scholarship Fund.

Old Business

Field Day – Last year we requested and received permission for the use of all shelters at Ebenezer Park for our Field Day operations. Last month we received an e-mail informing us that two of the shelters will be used by other parties on both Saturday and Sunday, June 24 & 25. We discussed the problem of having less space for operating positions in 2017. We decided to stay at Ebenezer Park this year but will determine where we will hold the 2018 Field Day by the end of the year.

We will need to schedule operators, and accumulate equipment. Much more discussion at the May meeting.

February Attendance

KK4MQN – Russell Wilson
KK4ZMK – Dean Lisenby
KC4WZL – Russell Washburn
KG4HIE – Scott Thompson
KM4NYV – Bryan Foxworth
N4AAK – Bill Cheney
W4GEY – Jim Starling
KK4RCP – Doug Brian
K7DVB – Bob Austin
No Call – Jan Austin
Guest – W. Dennis James

April Birthdays

1 Joe Pennington, KI4MUZ
3 Russell Wilson, KK4MQN
17 Becky Hopkins, KB8PHW
22 Horace Beasley, WA4OPF
27 Doug MacDonald, KI4TTS



FARC Meeting
May 2, 2017
Shoney's

American Red Cross – We welcomed a guest, Mr. William “Dennis” James who is the new Disaster Program Specialist for the American Red Cross for Florence and the surrounding area. Dennis was an accountant for 39 years and has also been a Red Cross Volunteer all that time. He has now moved to Florence and is on the Red Cross staff.

He is looking to reestablish our relationship with the Red Cross which was stretched thin a number of years ago when the Florence office staff was moved to Myrtle Beach. We are pleased to have local Red Cross staff back in Florence.

There is a fully operational radio room at the facility on Lucas Street which has not been utilized in several years. He would like to someone to review the current equipment and to add digital capability. Red Cross operates 24 shelters in the area and would like to build a network of operators. He indicated that there are 50 to 60 youth that are very interested in helping.

Prayers needed – Please keep Bonnie Jones in your thoughts and prayers as she copes with the death of our former President KM4D, Dave Jones. Also remember Dennis James as he rebuilds the local area Red Cross volunteers.

CAP – CAP-HF has expanded remote deployment and will possibly host a Field Day type event. N4AAK, Bill Cheney, will keep us updated.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

March 18th McLeod Run/Walk – We had 9 operators to help with the McLeod Run/Walk at Briggs School. Thank You to K4AVR, Mac; KG4YVJ, Suzie; KN4NYV, Bryan; N4AAK, Bill; KA3JAL, John; K4TGK, Tim; KM4RCP, Doug; KK4MQN. Russell and KC4WZL, Russell, for your participation.



April 8th VE Session – We had three candidates at the VE Session and two were successful. Our congratulations to KB2KCO, Benjamin Conklin from Hartsville who has been a Novice for 27 years and is now a Technician and KN4AXW, Stephen Craven from Sumter (son of KK4FU, Mike), who upgraded to General. Our four VE's were K4TGK, Tim Kaylor; KB4RRC, Donald Bryant; NL7VR, Simon Carroway and K7DVB, Bob Austin.



Upcoming Events.

Saturday Breakfast at BoJangles
April 29 – McLeod Dillon Run/Walk
May 6 – Upstate Hamfest at
Spartanburg



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