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The February 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.

Treasurer's Report Since KK4ZMK, Dean Lisenby was not present, K4AVR, Mac read his report.

Checking Account -- \$1890.22

Note -- \$500 sent to Scholarship at FDTC

Repeater Fund -- \$8005.00

PAYPAL -- \$217.00

Note -- Will be moved to checking in March

Dean would like permission to pay to pay the ARRL Insurance but would like to know whether to get the \$200 or the \$300 policy. The members voted to get the \$200 policy since we do not need to cover any vehicles.

Dean reported that he has received dues from 29 members. He has yet to receive anything from: KF4KAE, Tom Hall, who is at Elmcroft and has only attended one or two meetings since joining. KK4FRC, Tim Hanson, has sold his equipment and will not renew.

February Attendance

K4AVR – Mac Cullom
KG4YVJ – Suzie Cullom
KK4MQN – Russell Wilson
KG4HIE – Scott Thompson
N4AAK – Bill Cheney
KM4NYV – Bryan Foxworth
KN4ZNW --Art McCutchan,
AD4JH – Jason Horton
KM4RCP – Doug Brian
KC4WZL – Russell Washburn
K7DVB – Bob Austin
No Call – Jan Austin
KO4L – Lloyd Mitchell
KN4IPM – Paul Ingram

March Birthday

7 Mac Cullom, K4AVR
21 Bob Austin, K7DVB



Next FARC Meeting
March 5, 2019
Shoney's

KN4IPM, Paul Ingram, paid at the meeting.

W4EPD, David McGlothlin, is always the last member to renew.

WA4BUO, Tom Morgan, has gotten deeply into the Masons. We will try to get him to renew.

KO4L, Lloyd Mitchell, our former long-time member, has submitted a new application and paid his membership dues. The membership voted to accept his application. Welcome back Lloyd.

PIO Report – K4TGK, Tim Kaylor has requested to be relieved as PIO.

Repeaters -- All three repeaters are working well.

New Business

KG4HIE, Scott Thompson, is also a member of the Grand Strand club. He reported that they had a banquet. They had representatives of the Myrtle Beach City government and a total of 70 including members and guests. The city of Myrtle Beach donates space for repeaters including electricity as well as a room in a fire house for GSARC meeting. Scott proposed that FARC could consider a banquet for members, spouses and City of Florence officials. This would give us a chance to inform the city about our capabilities. This might be done at Shoney's or we might need to find a larger venue. We discussed this idea and the possible timing of such an event and a program. We could make this at the June or August regular meeting and possibly including a kid's program. Since we have not made arrangements for Field Day, we should discuss this more deeply at the March meeting. KM4ZMW, Art McCutchan offered to be the Project Officer.

Scott also found that the Grand Strand club is looking for a new venue for the Beachfest. This year it will host the Roanoke Division Convention. Most of the venues at the beach charge between \$1500 and \$2000 per day and would need two days for setup one day and the Hamfest itself. This is too expensive for such a small Hamfest. GSARC would like to have help from FARC. Scott will try to get more information about the help needed.

New Service Project –KM4RCP, Doug Brian, has been approached by the Care House to help with the “Capes for Kids” 5K & 10K Run/Walk on May 4. This event is to raise money for abused children. It will be run using a route similar to the McLeod Run/Walk near Briggs School. We would need to supply 7 to 8 operators for 3 to 4 hours and someone to act as net control. Doug will be our point of contact.

McLeod Run/Walk – We have not heard from McLeod but will inquire about their needs.

Clemson Extension Run/Walk – This activity was cancelled after damage to the course several years ago. It has not been restarted according to their website.

VFW Rucking Run/Walk -- On April 6, the Florence VFW is sponsoring a 22-mile Hike/Run/Walk from McLeod Fitness to the VFW using trails trying to stay off major roadways. They expect 5000 to 7000 entrants. Should we plan to participate, we could use the 97 repeater. We will discuss this at the March meeting.

Sandblast Rally – This is a sports car rally in the Sandhills State Forest from Cheraw to McBee on both sides of US 1 centered around Patrick. It will be run on March 2. It is really fun day. They will be using the PALS Repeater System. To volunteer, go to www.sandblastrally.com. Be self contained, bring food, drink, a chair and bug spray. It starts early on Saturday morning and runs until dark, followed by an awards dinner.

PIO – Since our PIO, K4TGK, Tim Kaylor has resigned this post. We need to find someone willing to take over this position. This is an ARRL Appointment and must be approved by the SC Section Manager and the SC Section PIO. The PIO must report to the Section PIO to report activity. The chief duty of the PIO is to contact media and to represent FARC to the general public. It is a good idea to have a face-to-face meeting with media personnel at least once. Thereafter, sending e-mails would probably work. There is a large amount of information available from the ARRL. KM4ZMW, Art McCutchan has volunteered to be the PIO and would like help and advice.

VE Session – The next VE session will be at Carolinas Hospital in the classroom on the second floor of Medical Mall B at 9:00 AM on Saturday, February 9. K4AVR will officiate.

Infirmary Report

N4TJ – KG4YVJ, Suzie, spoke with Barbara Johnson. She reported that Tommy is still at Fork. He is still bedbound and does not have use of his right hand and only can control the thumb and forefinger of his left hand. Barbara has hurt her back and after discussions with Tommy, she would like to sell their house and move back to her home town. Tommy has lots of radios, antennas, towers and other parts. At some time in the future we may be asked to help dispose of this equipment.

KB4RRC – Donald Bryant's mother has been placed in Hospice care. Please keep him and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

K7DVB – Bob Austin, it is good to have you back. Bob needs some help tracing out his wiring. K4AVR, Mac, will help very soon. Bob lost his shop in the hurricane.

N4AAK – Bill Cheney has been suffering with muscle spasms in his back. We are happy that he is able to be with us tonight.

Note: KG4HIE, Scott, spoke with the SC Section Manager at the Charleston Hamfest and found out that the state law about using cell phones while driving does not apply to Amateur Radio Operators using microphones.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

2019 Dues

It is time to renew your membership in the Florence Amateur Radio Club. The dues are \$36 for the year and \$18 for additional family members. First time members have a special price of \$20. If you wait until February, there is a \$5 penalty and in March there is a \$10 penalty. If you wait until April, you will be removed from the roster and must reapply to become a member again.

You may pay with PayPal. On the W4ULH.NET website, click on the Club Details link on the right side of the page, then click on the PayPal link.

VE Session February 9

We are proud to announce that KM4NYV, Bryan Foxworth, is our newest Extra. We are very proud to announce that he had the highest score that we have scored recently. He was our only testee.

Upcoming Events

Saturday Breakfast at BoJangles

Mar. 2 – Sandblast Rally

Mar 8 & 9 – Charlotte Hamfest

Mar 16 – McLeod Run/Walk

April 6 – VFW Rucking Run/Walk

May 4 – Capes for Kids Run/Walk



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