

## Fayette County Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes February 26, 2015

### Members Present:

President, John Secrist K4TXQ; Vice President, Steve Yothment W4OGM; Treasurer, Jim Lynch K4GVO; Secretary, Bill Lackey KV4UD; David Benoist AG4ZR; Jeff Cantor K1ZN; Gary Roberts KB4AUK; Huey Kenmar KI4NGD; Rick Viall KM4HAY; Bruce Gunnin KM4HBI; Lynn Bianco KN4YZ; Kay Wheeler WD0BDK; Jeff Anderson KK4BCH.

### Visitors:

Steve Conley KI4OFY

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by John Secrist, Club President.

Jim Lynch gave a treasurers report as follows;

<b>Balance on hand as of January 1, 2015</b>		<b>\$5,563.06</b>
Dues received	\$540.00	
VE Test fees	\$176.54	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$716.54</b>	<b>\$716.54</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>Registration Fees</b>	(\$30.00)	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	(\$30.00)	<b>(\$30.00)</b>
<b>Balance on hand as of February 26, 2015</b>		<b>\$6,249.60</b>

- Jeff Cantor commented on funds that were raised during VE Test Sessions and wanted to discuss the use of those funds under new business.
- John Secrist thanked Steve Yothment for attending a meeting in Coweta County to pass on information and to introduce our club to new hams. Jeff Cantor and Lynn Bianco were in attendance as well.

### Unfinished Business:

- David Benoist gave an update on the D-Star repeater and advised that Tim – KV4UE was looking at the Fayette Community Hospital as a location. He also advised that an evaluation had been done with regard to accessing the internet through Cal Beverly's place. Tim is checking into an internet connection at the hospital and Lynn talked about

positioning the antenna on the north building. David is keeping John Davis updated on the status.

- Huey made an announcement about the Dalton Ham-Fest this Saturday and there was a \$5.00 entry fee. There was also mention of the Dayton Hamvention and that some Newnan Radio Club members were planning to carpool to this event.

#### **New Business:**

- Jeff Cantor commented that funds received for VE Testing needed to be used for educational purposes and/or to promote amateur radio and suggested that we purchase ham license manuals to give away at exam sessions. Hamtest on-line was also mentioned as a learning tool for new hams. After some discussion a motion was made by Lynn Bianco and seconded by Jim Lynch to purchase two general class license manuals and one extra class license manual and that those manuals be loaned to candidates that passed the preceding tests at VE Sessions. The club voted and the motion carried. Jeff Cantor will order the manuals.
- Lynn Bianco announced that the March of Dimes event was coming up on April 18<sup>th</sup> and more information would follow in the coming weeks.
- Bill Lackey brought up ARRL Field Day and it was decided that the Club would pursue using the old Scout Lodge building at Marimac Lake in Senoia, GA. Jeff Cantor will get the application and Bill will talk to the Mayor about waving the fees for use of the building.
- Steve Yothment asked that if anyone wanted to put on a program after a club meeting to let him know.
- Jeff Cantor talked about 2015 being a good year for DXing and mentioned Bouvet Island (3Y0), Chesterfield Island, Croatia as being some good contacts to pursue.

There being no further business a motion was made by Bruce Gunnin and seconded by Kay Wheeler to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting was closed at 8:15 PM.

- After the regular meeting, Kay Wheeler presented a program on power-line grounding and demonstrated how squirrels can damage ground cables.