

Fayette County Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

Date: 23 October 2014 **Time Started:** 7:10PM

Location: First Methodist Church, Room C-260, Fayetteville, GA

Members Present:

President John Secrist K4TXQ; VP Jeff Cantor, K1ZN; Treas. Jim Lynch K4GVO; Huey Kenmar KI4NGD; David Benoist AG4ZR; Bill Lackey KV4UD; Lynn Bianco KN4YZ; Jeff Anderson KK4BCH; Francis Head KK4VRU; Tim McKibbon KV4UE; Jim Burchfield W4JB; Kay Wheeler WD0BDK; Guest: Clayton Gambrel KJ4YSR.

Pres. John Secrist K4TXQ presided. Jeff Cantor K1ZN took meeting minutes.

Old Business:

- 1) Minutes of the September 2014 meeting were read by K4TXQ. The minutes contained several errors which were discussed. Approval was tabled pending corrections.
- 2) Jim Lynch K4GVO presented the Treasurer's Report. The Club's balance in September was \$5510; the new balance on September 25 was \$5523.00. The Treasurer's Report was approved.
- 3) John K4TXQ noted that the KK4GQ club license will expire in February of 2015. Our current trustee is David AG4ZR. Trustee David will renew the license online with the FCC.
- 4) John K4TXQ talked about the Fox Hunt held on October 11. Sam Smith KD4SHK was the fox. The Fox Hunt concluded with a Chili lunch at the fox transmitter location. All-in-all it was a very successful event that John said should be done twice a year.
- 5) David, AG4ZR discussed the ongoing discussions with GA Technology Authority concerning the possibility of a D-Star repeater. He will report back as soon as these discussions happen.

New Business:

- 1) John, K4TXQ discussed the options for the November & December meetings. It was agreed that the November meeting will be a dinner meeting on Nov. 13th. John is making arrangements with a restaurant that was cited as a good possibility and will announce the location on the Club Web page. Time will be 7:00PM. The December meeting will be Dec 11th at the usual location unless otherwise announced.
- 2) Jeff, K1ZN announced that the VE Testing Dates & times for 2015 have been finalized and the Piedmont Fayette Hospital Room has been secured with the Hospital. The ARRL & W4VEC has been notified for posting purposes. Jeff provided David, AG4ZR with a copy of the dates for ARES web site posting. Jeff will also send to HRO Atlanta.
- 3) Kay, WD0BDK discussed Hamnet and using microwave frequencies. He gave a nice presentation of a useful concept for microwave transmissions with possibilities for linking to D-Star in the future.
- 4) Huey, KI4NGD discussed a long ago donation of funds to the Club for use for Echolink. He needs to purchase a battery for a backup situation of the repeater and received the OK from John to do so.
- 5) A presentation on SET follows this Business meeting by AG4ZR & KN4YZ.

Adjourn:

- 1) The business meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM.