

# Fayette County Amateur Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 25 September 2014      **Time Started:** 7:01PM

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

### **Members Present:**

President John Secrist K4TXQ; Sec. Steve Yothment WD0HGB; 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; Kay Wheeler WD0BDK; Guests: Clayton Gambrel KJ4YSR; Sam Smith KD4SHK.

Pres. John Secrist K4TXQ presided.

### **Old Business:**

- 1) Minutes of the August 2014 meeting were read by Steve Yothment WD0HGB. The minutes were approved with 2 changes.
- 2) Jim Lynch K4GVO presented the Treasurer's Report. The Club's balance on August 28 was \$5491.06; the new balance on September 25 was \$5510.06. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

### **New Business:**

- 1) John K4TXQ noted that the KK4GQ club license will expire in February of 2015. Our current trustee is David AG4ZR. Huey KI4NGD mentioned that Billy Marie Wood is looking into renewing the license.
- 2) John K4TXQ talked about the upcoming Fox Hunt on October 11. Sam Smith KD4SHK will be the fox. The Fox Hunt will conclude with a Chili lunch at about 12:00 noon at the fox transmitter location.
- 3) Huey KI4NGD mentioned that Chuck Federonis KD4VW told him that he (Chuck) could mail out a reminder to those with expired memberships to renew.
- 4) Jeff KK4BCH talked about our options for internet access for a possible club D-Star repeater: We could use a home network router by ATT, Verizon or Sprint. If a club member has ATT cellphone service, the cost is only \$30 more per month for the home network router. Sprint usually charges \$14.95 per month for 1GByte of data service per month. But we don't know for sure if 1 GByte per month is adequate for the D-Star repeater.  
Sam KD4SHK suggested that maybe we could just tap into the hospital's internet service.  
David AG4ZR said that everything is ready to start a D-Star repeater at Piedmont Hospital except for how we will get the needed internet service.  
John K4TXQ suggested we table the topic for now so that we can determine how much data service we will need. Discussions on this should continue at the next meeting.
- 4) Steve WD0HGB talked about the advantage of using a full-sized HT antenna and had some for sale at his cost.
- 5) Lynn KN4YZ talked about the need of amateur radio assistance for the Peachtree City Road Race on October 18 and the Cystic Fibrosis bike ride in Cherokee County on November 8.
- 6) John K4TXQ mentioned the Stone Mountain Hamfest on November 1 and 2 in Lawrenceville, GA.

### **Adjourn:**

- 1) The business meeting was adjourned at 8:06PM.
- 2) John K4TXQ gave a short talk on fox hunt antennas.