

Foothills Amateur Radio Club - WT4F

Minutes of November 2003 Meeting

The breakfast meeting of the FARC was called to order at 9:02 by the President, Debbie Hoyt, KG4UPA.

Everyone introduced themselves around the table. There were two guests present, KR4SP, Brian Sugden and his wife Cecelia KE4NKQ. Brian is the new ACC for this area. The minutes of Octobers meeting was approved as posted, with the exception of one call sign was wrong.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurers report was given by Gretchen, KE4HGX, and approved by the membership.

Committee Reports:

Events: The events chairman John Hoyt W5UGD will give us a report on kids day at the Dec. meeting.

Non-club Activities:

ARRL Report was given by Les, K4NK,-- we need to focus on regrouping of the licenses. He said 90% of us hams prefer to have a code requirement here in the USA. as opposed to a no-code licenses in Europe. The FCC may try to have this no-code come about, but we need fight this action if we can. Also the new Technology BPL s interfering with the HF bands if you live near the source, such as a school. The blue tube technology is here and the only way to fight this is by a private attorney which you can engage(most of us don't have that kind of money). The use of the blue tube tech. is making he HF bands unusable. Please continue to send your e-mails and letters to the FCC about our concerns.

The School club report was given by Chris KG4UOY, it will be on hold until after the holiday's.

New Business:

Our speaker, Brian Sugden, KR4SP, the new ACC said he will be available and our resource of information if needed . We need to update our information about the club changes. We can call him at 864-231-8732 if needed. or e-mail at KG4SP-1@juno.com. Also we need to get an annual report to the ARRL, which can be done via the Internet. The Club needs to think about expenditures for next year-- Insurance, repeaters, ARRL, Red Cross, and School Club or other suggestions of where we may need to spend some of our funds.

Old Business:

Our Christmas party is on Dec. 18th at 6:30PM , location is BLACKS FISH CAMP off Hwy 135. Directions will be on the web site later.

It was decided that we would have fried catfish and broiled flounder as the fish we have chosen. It is family style and we will have our own room as we expect to have 40-50 attend.. Family and friends are invited. It was decided to have a door prize also.

We still need a net-manager and net -controllers, if any one would like to do same. It was suggested we drop the net-manager position as we don't have a net at present time. We also need a new Public Information officer. In Jan. we will have a presentation by John W5UGD on fox hunting.

A second reading for the new member, Russell Tower , KF4JUN, and was approved.

The meeting was adjourned about 10:30AM.

Respectfully Submitted Sect'y.,
Celia Booth, KF4DRG