

# Foothills Amateur Radio Club - WT4F

## Minutes of January 2004 Meeting

The F.A.R.C. breakfast meeting was called to order by the president, Debbie Hoyt, KG4UPA, at 9:00 am in the Six Mile Cafe. It was decided to amend the Dec. minutes to add the QSO Party that was talked about then.

Treasurer's report – Report given by Gretchen Ellison, KE4HGX, and approved. However we were advised to watch our spending.

Dues are due this month.

Cost of insurance is being looked into.

Repeater com. - Repeater is ok per Wes Ellison.

Events com. – John Hoyt, W5UGD, Brian Sugden, and Wes Ellison are going to give a demo with various directional antennas used for fox hunting. This will be done today.

March of Dimes is coming up the end of April, and John will see if they want us to help with communications. If so we may need to change the club meeting date for April.

There is a Hamfest coming up in Charlotte, March 13&14, with lots of nice prizes and computers also to check out. See the web site for more info.

Health and Welfare – It was decided that everyone should let others know if anyone is ill so we can get the word around. It was suggested we could use e-cards.

ARRL - See the ARRL site for the new proposed changes in licensing. Not everyone agrees. Also, it was suggested we have a mentoring program for the new hams coming on board

ARES – Pickens ARES didn't take part in the Dec. drill, but will try to do so in the spring drill.

There was no report from the Pickens H.S. club as Chris wasn't there probably due to school activities.

Old Business – John Hoyt and Amor are checking on insurance for field day, such as a limited policy.

Needed a Public Information Officer for the club and asked for a volunteer to put out a press release a few time a year. Jennifer Zerlaut, KG4YDC, said she would give it a try. Thank you Jennifer!

The SC QSO party may need a new home. Do we want to do this? It would get our club name out there as well as keeping the QSO going. Would need volunteers to help check logs and scores, and would need to provide plaques and certificates as prizes in several categories. Tabled until it can be determined if the Sumter club will be doing it again this year.

New Business - Someone from Due West has given us (the club) a 60' Rhoane Tower, a tribander, rotor and other tower things, but we need to get it down. Then maybe we can sell it if possible as a fundraiser. John Hoyt, W5UGD, will go down to Due West see its condition and what needs to be done to take it down. A couple of trucks and manpower will be needed for sure. Could be used as a club project.

We had a visitor, Jon Kazaglis, who is interested in becoming a ham. Also, we had a first reading of his application for membership in the club. It will be voted on at the February meeting.

Russell Tower has volunteered to become our net manager and will try to get a net running with help from Jennifer Zerlaut, KG4YDC, on Thursday nights at 8:00 pm. He will try to start up on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. Anyone else that is willing to give this a try and take a turn as net control is welcome, since this is for learning.

Brian Sugden, John Hoyt, and Wes Ellison all showed us some antennas that are used for fox hunting and gave a wonderful demo. The meeting was adjourned about 10:20 am.

Respectfully your sect'y

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