

FOOTHILLS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB – WT4F

Minutes of March 2004 Meeting

Vice President, Jennifer, KG4YDC called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM at the Six Mile Café. President, Debbie, KG4UPA, could not attend as her parents were visiting from out of state.

There were 11 club members in attendance, and one visitor, Danielle, who came with Celia, KF4DRG.

Feb. minutes were amended, and approved, to note that the club voted on and approved the use of ARRL insurance for this year, and that the SC QSO party we had considered hosting was going to be hosted by Sumter again this year.

Gretchen, KE4HGX, gave the treasurer's report and they were approved as read.

Committee reports:

Repeater committee: Wes, KS4XQ, said that everything was in good working order.

Events committee: Jennifer read notes from John, W5UGD, about the club doing the communications for the Walk America on April 24th.

Health and Welfare: It was reported that Sue, N4ENX was improving, and that Russell, KF4JUN, was going to have surgery on his thumb on April 5th. Celia was not feeling well.

Net committee: Russell reported that the Thursday night nets were doing quite well, averaging 15-18 check-ins. He said that John and Jennifer would handle the nets until he was better able to write.

Events committee: Jennifer reported for John that we will be having a Fox Hunt on April 10th, meeting at the K-Mart Plaza in Easley at 2:00 PM.

Announcements:

ARRL: Jennifer reported for John that there was an article on the ARRL web page that asked members to send their input.

ARES: Jennifer reported for John that the Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Fair was canceled due to both weather and the need for workers to finish up at the Clemson fire. There will also be a meeting scheduled sometime in May.

Upcoming Hamfests: Gretchen told us about the Hamfest coming up on May 1st, at the Piedmont fairgrounds in Spartanburg.

Old Business:

We were reminded that the monthly club meeting would be held on April 17th.

Field Day: Gretchen asked if we wanted to get either/or pins and shirts like we did last year. We will decide at the April meeting. We discussed the fact that we will probably have to pay for a Porta John this year. Jennifer had called around and the two closest companies were AAA, 295-2953, which would cost a total of \$78.16 for the 3-day weekend, and Higdon, which would be \$80.00 plus tax. She also said that we would only have to give either company about a three-day notice.

Jennifer reported for John that the tower in Due West being donated to the club is probably climbable, and we needed to borrow some equipment to get it down. It Wes said that we could use his safety harness and Gin Pole. Gretchen is going to see if we can borrow a tower jack. Bob will bring his generator and Saws All. Between several club members we will have plenty of rope. We decided to try to take it down on May 8th, the time to be decided on at the

April meeting. Russell, Jerry, Wes, Duncan, John, Bob and Jennifer are all going to go, and maybe a couple of others. Bob and Jennifer said that we could take the tower to their house to clean and paint it, and whatever else needs to be done to it.

Russell asked again about doing something to help the families of people in Saudi Arabia. A few of the club members told him about other organizations who do that, and who he could contact for information.

New business:

There was no new business.

There were three drawings. The 50/50 was won by Russell, who donated his winnings back to the club. Thank you, Russell. Jennifer had baked a cake for a raffle, which was won by Diana Hancock. Gretchen won the free drawing. She won two bunny shaped pot holders for Easter.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Zerlaut KG4YDC, Vice President

For

Celia Booth, KF4DRG, secretary