

Foothills Amateur Radio Club
Minutes, April 23rd. 2005

The meeting was called to order, by Club President Debbie, KG4UPA, at 8:58AM. It was held at the Main Street Café in Six Mile. There were 10 people in attendance.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes from the March meeting we approved as posted on the web site.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was accepted as read by KE4HGX, Gretchen.

Committee Reports:

Repeater Committee:

Wes was not there, but had told Gretchen that everything was working well.

Health and Welfare:

No reports.

Other organizations:

ARES:

John, W5UGD, said that the grant sponsored ARECC on-line course is about at its end. He told anybody who was interested in doing it that they should sign up now.

New Business:

Gretchen suggested that we set the Nov.-Dec. meeting early this year. The tentative date will be Thurs. Dec. 8th, at Ryan's of Easley.

Debbie, showed her new QSL cards she had printed. She said they were very reasonably priced, and suggested the club might look into getting some with the club call sign, possibly before Field Day.

Brian, KR4SP, suggested that, as a group, our club members try harder to set a good example of on-air techniques. He mentioned using both phonetic spelling and regular spelling when giving our call signs, and remembering to slow down and speak clearly.

Old Business:

The picnic at Amor and Judy's house was discussed. It was narrowed down to three possible dates, Sept. 25th, Oct. 1st, or Oct. 15th.

Old Business/Events:

Walk America:

John finally got the route from the MOD organizer, Gretchen made a map with the route marked out in color, and had one printed out for us to look at. We will meet at Old Market Square next Saturday, April 30th, at 8:00AM. We have to be at our stations by 8:30. We are to wear "visible" clothing to show we are radio operators. We all need our reflective vests, Ids, and HTs. We may want to bring our own chairs and drinks. Debbie has volunteered to walk this year, and will be the very last person to leave the starting position, so we will know for sure who is the last person in the walk. Thank you. Debbie, and have fun. Also,

thank you, John, for all the work you put into the organizing for this event. Also, thank you to Gretchen for making the map on such short notice.

Lowell, KK5JZ, suggested that, as a club, we look into making a donation, possibly next year, to the Walk. It was mentioned that we might be able to get a sponsor spot on the shirts.

Field Day:

Several things were finalized about Field Day on June 25th and 26th.

We will do 2-A.

The menu was discussed, but not decided on for sure. Gretchen and Jennifer will take care of purchasing and organizing the food and drinks.

Jennifer will take care of the press releases and the porta potty.

John and Jennifer will take care of tables and chairs.

John, Wes, Bob and Amor will handle the radios, antennas, ropes, generators, and lights.

Final details will be made at the May meeting.

Brian won the 50/50.

Lowell won the bid for a mini Campbell's Soup Lunch Box.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer, KG4YDC,
Secretary**