

**Foothills Amateur Radio Club  
Minutes; 1/28/2006**

The meeting was called to order at 9:13AM by Amor, N2FY, Vice President. There were 11 members and one guest in attendance.

**Secretary's Report;**

The minutes were approved as posted on the web site.

**Treasurer's Report;**

Gretchen, KE4HGX, read the monthly report and an annual report on expenses and income. They were both approved as read. She accepted everyone's membership annual dues.

**Committees;**

**Repeater Committee;**

Wes, KS4XQ, said there are no problems with the repeaters. It was suggested that we set a time to go to the mountain and clean up the site. It was tentatively decided that we would try to go after the April meeting, depending on weather.

**Health and Welfare;**

Brian, KR4SP, reported that his wife, Cecelia, KE4NKG, has cracked a bone in her leg. She will wear her brace for a few weeks, and is getting around a little bit.

Jerry, KB8BN, said that his mother has been ill, so he and Diana, N8COB, have been busy taking care of her.

Lew, KE4UIZ, reported that he has had to move his father into their home, so he and Earlette, KI4KCW, have also been busy with his care.

There was a short discussion about any ice storm damage incurred by the members. Jerry and Diana lost a Dipole, and Lowell, KK5JZ, had a branch fall on a ladder wire, causing it to break. Lynda, KB8YQB, and Duncan, KB8YQA, had several large trees come down, but no serious damage.

**Old Business;**

Brian talked about the Fox Hunt we are invited to do jointly with the Anderson club. The date has not been set yet, but will be in the Spring. He would like a representative from our club to attend the meeting in Anderson. He asked for at least two volunteers from our club to help set up and be the "Fox". Anyone interested can contact Brian.

**New Business;**

Debbie, KG4UPA, has resigned as President of the club. There will be an election at the February meeting to elect a new President. Jennifer will send her a Thank You

letter.

**Jennifer said that the manager of Ryan's offered the club a discount if they would have their monthly meetings there. Because of the time of day they open, 11:00am, most everyone said it would not be good for their schedules. There will be a vote on it at the next meeting.**

**Lew brought up a discussion about a national Flu Pandemic. He had gone to a meeting about it, and he believes that we should have some training to prepare. Because of the nature of the help that would be needed, Gretchen pointed out that it was more of an ARES matter than a club matter. Brian agreed completely, and said that they were two separate organizations and ARES and other organizations could be reported on, but should not be discussed in length at a club meeting. The idea of starting up a new club net was discussed.**

**Upcoming activities; Gretchen said it was not too early to decide about doing the Walk America again this year. Jennifer will talk to the MOD manager to see if she wants us again. Gretchen said that she and Wes talked about it, and have decided that they would rather not host Field Day this year. They have been wonderful hosts in the past and we thank them for their hospitality! Gretchen pointed out that the main reason for the club buying annual insurance was because of Field Day. She said it is the biggest single expense for the club. Since there was so little interest in Field Day in the past, she wonders if it is worth the expense for insurance. It does cover any other club activity, like going to clean the repeater site. Diana pointed out that most of us have our personal insurance which would cover that. Brian offered to talk to the Anderson club and see if we would be welcomed to come there for Field Day. He will report next month. The question of our coverage at Walk America came up. Jennifer will also find out about that. Most events insurances cover the volunteers.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:16am.**

**The 50/50 was won by Lowell. He donated part of the winnings back to the club. Thank you, Lowell.**

Respectfully submitted;  
Jennifer Zerlaut, KG4YDC,  
Secretary