

Friendship Amateur Radio Club Minutes 1-10-2011

The meeting was called to order by President Arnold Hansen W3BPP at 1:30 P.M. The pledge and a moment of silence in memory of FARC members who became silent keys or were ill followed. Introductions made by all present. 19 members and 4 guests at meeting.

Minutes of the November 11, 2010 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report read and approved. It was noted that the current bank is charging the club \$2.00 per month for the account. Mr. Len Lukas reported that the Center State Bank provides free accounts for not for profit groups with activity less than \$ 10,000 per month.

Committee Reports:

Doug Hawkins W3HH reported that OTOW wants to reduce the repeater tower height by 50% due to corrosion of guy wires and supporting components. No action has been taken as of this time.

Ken Simpson W8EK reported the Repeater Council wants to decrease frequency separation of new repeaters by 50%. Their latest proposal ignores previously suggested switch to digital of all repeaters.

Scholarship:

A motion was made and passed recommending Stephen Simpson KC8IOY, be granted a scholarship from both the ARRL and the Foundation for Amateur Radio.

The Scholarship committee presented the following policy which was approved by a motion:

Payment of Scholarship Funds: FARC shall provide the Foundation for Amateur with a check with a check for approved scholarship fund by February 1st each year. In the unusual case that the Foundation for Amateur Radio had no applicants from Florida in a given year, the Foundation for Amateur Radio would hold the funds and make the following year's scholarship a \$600 dollar scholarship. In the event FARC is unable to fund the scholarship, the Foundation for Amateur Radio shall be notified in writing by December 1st of the year.

Prior Scholarship Programs: The Scholarship Program supersedes the FARC Scholarship Program dated October 10, 2006.

Discussions: The president asked for volunteers to be on the nominating committee. No one volunteered.

A committee consisting of W3BPP, W8EK, and WD4BKO will generate a policy related to estate sales of amateur radio equipment.

Fred Lewis NORBR is still looking for a place to be used for an antique radio display.

New Business – None

Old Business - None

Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Submitted by B. J. Russell, N6SL