

FARC MINUTES FOR AUGUST 13, 2012 MEETING

Meeting called to order by President Ron Viola, KSSW at 1:35 P.M. with 12 members and two Guests present. President led the Pledge to the Flag and a brief silent period for ill members.

Introductions: All in attendance made their introductions.

Treasurer's report approved as presented by Mrs. Case.
Secretaries' report approved as shown on Club Yahoo Page.

Announcements:

1. Ed, W9CHA reported that Carl Berry is preparing a brochure featuring the Friendship Amateur Radio Club.
2. ED, W9CHA recommended that all get D-RATS from:
www.arrl-nf.org, then go to: DSTARInfo.com.
3. President demonstrated a 2 meter J pole antenna that had been a club project.

Old Business:

A discussion continued from last meeting concerning reasons for and against becoming an IRS 501(c)3. If the club is to expand its activities and be able to receive tax exempt contributions this registration is necessary. If club decides not to be registered and maintains its current activities it may slowly decline and close. On the other hand if it registers it should change time of meetings to permit working personnel to attend meetings.

It was moved and seconded that the decision on IRS 501(c)3 be postponed until the September Meeting. Since this is an important decision encourage all members to attend.

Program:

Carl Berry, KC5CMX presented information on the ARRL NTS traffic handling system with proper message formats,

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