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The August 1st meeting of the Florence Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by our President, KK4MQN, Russell Wilson. All present identified themselves.

Secretary/Treasurer Report - Our Secretary/Treasurer, Dean Lisenby

reported the following:

Checking Acct: \$2,540.79
Repeater Fund \$7,501.00
Total \$10,042.00

He wrote 1 check for the Field Day Tents and is holding 2 checks for deposit. One from Howie Becker, KF4ZDL, a donation of \$25.00 as a Thank You for the repeaters and one for \$20 for Ray Schaeffer who would like to join but has not been voted in as yet.

Old Business

Field Day –We purchased three tents for use at Field Day. There was a steep learning curve to put them up but we learned and succeeded. There were no other invoices submitted.

We had near the same numbers as last year. NO8X asked why we had 0 Bonus points but since K4AVR, Mac was not here to answer, we will get that information at the next meeting. We did have 40 bonus points for youth participation.

We did have two incidents. In putting up our antennas KC4WZL, Russell Washburn's back window was damaged.

August Attendance

KK4MQN – Russell Wilson
KK4ZMK – Dean Lisenby
KG4HIE – Scott Thompson
KM4NYV – Bryan Foxworth
N4AAK – Bill Cheney
W4GEY – Jim Starling
KB4RRC – Donald Bryant
NO8X – Jay Hopkins
KC4WZL – Russell Washburn
KM4RCP – Doug Brian

September Birthdays

2 Freddie Schafer, N4RMA
6 Fletcher Townsend, KD4BUF
9 Bekki Medsker, KJ4LIF
15 Bryan Foxworth, KM4NYV
17 Dean Lisenby, KK4ZMK



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Shoney's

His insurance company has since replaced it. Also N3ZL, Gregg Davis' drone was damaged. We hope he has replaced it. KM4ZMK, Dean will contact our insurance company to see if we are covered for such incidents.

In the mail, we received a copy of the Governor's Proclamation of Amateur Radio Week, June 19 through 25 and mentioning Field Day on June 24 & 25. Dean was unsure what to do with such items. N4AAK, Bill remembered that at one time in the past he was the FARC Historian. He may have a binder in his shack and will try to find it. There was a discussion about setting up a Drop-Box account. Dean has scanned photos and has uploaded them to Google Drive. He will e-mail all members about how to link-in to Drop-Box.

KG4HIE, Scott, reminded us that the Girl Scouts will be starting up again with the start of the school year. Dean will contact them to see if we can help the girls with badges.

New Business

Red Cross KK4MQN, Russell; K4AVR, Mac and KO4L, Lloyd have met with the new Red Cross Coordinator to determine their communications needs. Red Cross is trying to get a budget approved to get new equipment and antennas. Packet would be an excellent mode to pass medical information as well as Health & Welfare. We do not have enough operators in the club to satisfy their needs. The Boy Scouts in Dillon are trying to set up a sort of Junior Auxiliary to train additional operators. Interesting idea!

The Section Emergency Coordinator, N9OH, Billy Irvin, is planning a training session for all EC's and DEC's at the State EOC in Columbia on Saturday, August 5. We do not have a Florence Emergency Coordinator at this time. Do we have any volunteers? There is a list of all EC's on the SC ARES website. You can Google that.

There will be a meeting of AUXCOMM on August 17 to discuss plans for the Eclipse on August 21. They are not sure what to expect but cell phones may be overloaded and service compromised for hours.

Upcoming Events:

Howl-O-Ween 5K will be held on October 14. This year it will have a new route in the Country Club of South Carolina. We will need operators for this event. Remember, our next VE Session will also be held on the same day.

MS150 is usually held the third week in September but we have not been asked to help at this time.

Infirmiry Net:

N4TJ – Tommy Johnson is still in the Sunny Acres Care Facility in Fork, SC.

KA3JAL – John Germain's situation remains the same.

Possible new members – We hope that the following new Hams will come to the next meeting and become members – KN4AYX, Ray Schaffer; KN4ENU, Lee Dennis IV; KN4ERB, James Karr and KN4EXQ, Shannon Crowe
KB4RRC, Donald offered an idea taken from his church. A week or so before our meeting, we might call any Hams that might not remember the FARC meeting and invite them to come.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Upcoming Events.

Saturday Breakfast at BoJangles
Sept. 30 -PALS Picnic at Cheraw St.Pk.
October 7 – Rock Hill Hamfest
October 14 – Howl-O-Ween
October 14 – VE at Carolinas Hosp.
November 11 -- Beachfest



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