

NORTH FULTON AMATEUR RADIO LEAGUE

January 22, 2019

Regular Scheduled meeting X

Special Session meeting

Board and Club Members present:

Daryl K4RGK President

Jim KJ4QVT Vice President

Martha W4MSA Secretary

Fred N4CLA Treasurer

Bob K4VBM Activities Chairman

Steve WB4CVB Membership Chairman

John Norris N4HIV Field Day Chairman

Mike K5JR Repeater Manager

Grant KK4PCR NFARES EC

Walt W0RON Member

Neil N4FN Member

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Daryl.

Minutes

Daryl asked if everyone had read the Minutes of the December meeting. All indicated yes. Steve made a motion to accept the Minutes. Fred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FAST

Neil reported that the headmaster/principal of FAST (Fulton Academy of Science and Technology) had been 'fired.' This is the school Neil has been working with on adding Amateur Radio to their program. Neil said that FAST is on the 'short list' to be approved for an ARISS. John K4SQC is very supportive of this. Within the past week, Daryl had written to the head of the ARISS program a letter of support on behalf of NFARL for this ARISS.

Neil then asked that the Minutes of the BoD meetings be 'published on the web in accordance to the bylaws.'

Repeaters

Daryl reported that the recently re-installed repeaters are in operation and working well!

Mission Statement

Jim made a motion that the third Mission Statement as listed in Daryl's agenda for tonight's meeting be accepted as the Mission Statement for NFARL. Steve seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. That statement says

To promote and advance the diverse aspects of Amateur Radio through learning, fellowship, youth education and training for emergency communications.

This will be put on a new club card that will be made to hand out at events like TechFest, the Atlanta Science Festival's Exploration Expo, and other opportunities to pass on information about the attributes of NFARL. Jim will design a foam board with the Mission Statement on it, too.

Treasurer's Report

Fred gave thanks to John N4TOL for his help in closing out the books for 2018. Overall, the finances of NFARL followed the regular pattern for the year. The bank balance rose up to roughly \$17,000 but ended up a little over \$14,000, about the same level it started the year with. YESA had a balance of \$10826.64 at the end of the year after all the income and expenses were settled.

Bob made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Steve seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Programs

Jim reported that he had heard good, positive comments about January's club meeting presentations. The Help Desk was a hit. We need to update the Elmer list.

Name Badges for Officers

The idea of getting specially marked name badges for NFARL officers was discussed. The idea is that new members and visitors could easily identify who to talk to about things at meetings. Daryl will send BoD members suggested designs for comments.

Activities

Bob reported that two tables have been reserved at the Dalton Hamfest. He also reported that West Island Park has been reserved for NFARL for the two days (one in May, the other in August) that Terry wanted for club activities.

Bob wants to continue the Shack visit program that Mark Coleman had started last year. He also reported on the club's plan for this weekend's TechFest.

Membership

Steve reported that membership currently stands at 274. He has collected the sign in sheets from Fred from the January club meeting. He wants to put together a 2-3-4 person Membership Committee to get in contact with folks whose memberships are coming up or has passed for renewal.

Field Day

Field Day Chairman John N reported that Terry J went to City Hall to reserve the park for NFARL's use for Field Day. John stated "It is done. We have the park."

John suggests that we buy tents rather than rent them. Since we have the trailer, we can store them in there between uses.

To increase volunteers for Field Day, John proposes giving folks a ticket for helping and then have a drawing for prizes at the conclusion of Field Day.

NFARES

Grant reported that NFARES is moving from fldigi to packet (VHF) and two other digital modes. Eventually they will go to WinLink. They are switching to HF practices.

eNews

Bob will help Daryl with the NFARL eNews.

Dismissal

At 9:00 PM, Fred made a motion to adjourn. Jim seconded the motion which passed unanimously.