

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club - 22 August 2017

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1. Call to Order and Welcome: The monthly Board of Directors Business Meeting, Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, was held on Monday, 22 August 2017 at Sixty Six Pizzeria,. The meeting was called to order by FARC President David Shoaf, K4CX, at 1930 hours, welcoming all meeting attendees.

2. Meeting Attendees: The 15 meeting attendees were Jerry Minor-K4GW, Sam Poindexter-NI4TG, Harlan Cobert-W1HRC, David Shoaf-KC4X, Harold Richardson-N4HER, Steve Patterson-WA3RTC, David McDonald-N5WNB, Pedro Tomas, Don Edwards-WS4NC, Gene Bowman-WB4MSG, Jim Register-KV4SJ, Terry Brown-AK4D, Ron Gregoire-W4UDB, Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV and John Kippe-K1PPE.

3. Meeting location: David Shoaf, KC4X, reported that our new permanent business meeting host is Sixty Six Pizzeria, 3440 Frontis St, Winston Salem, at the usual time and date.

4. December Meeting Location: Our former home for the December dinner meeting, River Ridge Taphouse, has closed. Don Edwards, WS4NC, will check with the Mi Pueblo on Stratford Road for availability. Our first choice is the second Monday, the same day we normally have our meeting. The second choice is the first Monday, which we have occasionally used as an alternate for the December meeting.

5. Winter Hamfest: David Shoaf, KC4X, reported that First-Fest will be held at the Robinhood Road Baptist Church, 5422 Robinhood Road, Winston Salem, NC on Saturday, January 6, 2018. David asked for volunteers to help Steve Patterson, WA3RTC, and Dave Larson, KM4RAB with setup, load-in and cleanup. John Kippe, K1PPE, volunteered. We will be able to run longer hours than we were at Summit School, so we are planning 7:00am to noon. Hamfest fliers were discussed and Don offered to design and print them. Dates for the summer hamfest were discussed as we wanted to list that on the flyer as well. No date was finalized, so we will just mention it with TBD and a link to the website.

6. Nominating Committee: A committee was formed to nominate candidates for next year's board. Five members are required: Don Edwards, WS4NC, Harlan Cobert, W1HRC, Harold Richardson, N4HER, Ron Gregoire, W4UDB, and Steve Patterson WA3RTC volunteered. All current officers have volunteered to serve next year.

7. WAE DX Contest: Discussed letting Mason, KM4SII operate the station the weekend of September 10 as multi-single for the WAE DX Contest. Mason wanted to operate multi-single; multi operators under Mason's call. Brian and Caroline Keubert are considering working the station with him. CQWW, occurring the last full weekend of October was also mentioned. Don will open the building and can stay part of the time; Harold also volunteered to come in for part of the time. A training run to get the contestants familiar with operating the station was discussed.

8. Club Station Operating Instructions: Discussed making a checklist, operating sheet or video to facilitate members coming in to use the station. This will probably not be complete before the WAE DX contest, but should be for the CQWW.

9. Bylaws: Discussed a review of the bylaws. There have been several revision efforts, but none of the revised versions have been approved and filed with the state. We need a committee of members to review and update the bylaws. Don and Henry have volunteered to provide some historical background. David hopes this can be presented to the membership by January or February of next year. Terry has offered to assist. Bob Gates, as the trustee, will need to be a key part of the bylaw process, and Terry will get in touch with him. David recommended the Zoom application from Zoom.us. Don will handle acquiring a new corporate stamp for the secretary to file the official bylaws.

10. Riley Hollingsworth: Still wants to come down, possibly at the December meeting.

11. Treasurer's Report: Kent Englebert, K4HKE, reported that the current balance was \$3,501.78 with only the phone and cable bills outstanding.

12. ARES: Harlan reminded that Tour to Tanglewood is coming up Sept 16 and 17. He has most of the slots filled, but has been informed of a few new key people who will need shadows. He also commented on the new EOC and his coordination efforts with CERT and MARS. He also mentioned that the Phonetic alphabet and ICS-213 message forms are available at <http://w4nc.com/ARES.htm>

13. ECOMM Net Controller Training Session: The ICS 700 /800 training class will be Nov. 10 at 5:30pm; Don will check with the staff at the Red Cross to verify the room will be available. Attendees will have to preregister with NC TERMS. More details available at <http://w4nc.com/ARES.htm> Harlan indicated the Friday night class is labeled G700. The ICS 100/200 classes are planned for the following Saturday, Nov. 11 from 9am to 5pm. These classes are labeled G100 and G200.

14. Net Control Station Training: Tentative date Saturday Oct. 11 9am to 11am at the Red Cross building.

15. Adjournment of Meeting: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and meeting was adjourned at 2044 hours.