

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club - 22 January 2018

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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 January 2018 at Sixty Six Pizzeria, 3440 Frontis St, Winston Salem. The meeting was called to order by FARC President David Shoaf, K4CX, at 1939 hours, welcoming all meeting attendees.

2. Meeting Attendees: The 17 meeting attendees were David Shoaf-KC4X, Kent Englebert-K4HKE, Don Edwards-WS4NC, Terry Brown-AK4D, Mike Atkins-N4VE, John Kippe-K1PPE, Ron Gregoire-W4UDB, Jerry Minor-K4GW, Doc Holiday-WB4QIZ, Sam Poindexter-NI4TG, Harlan Cobert-W1HRC, Jim Register-KV4SJ, Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, Harold Richardson-N4HER, Steve Patterson-WA3RTC, Van Key-KC4WSK, Daryl Knight-N5WK and Robert Meier AA9AU.

3. January Hamfest AAR: David Ramsey -W4OIL sent in a revised traffic plan. Dates for the summer hamfest were discussed. One was June 2, the first Saturday. Tickets for FirstFest had a survey question on the back asking for the preferred month for the summer hamfest. Of the 123 tickets sold, we got 34 responses - 21 for October and 13 for June. Many folks commented that they didn't see the survey and would have voted for October. Due to the limited response rate, we are planning for June 2 and possibly October 20 this year. We are already too late to get the fest into QST they need 6 months lead time. Jim Atkins or David Shoaf will file for listing on the ARRL website. Mike Atkins suggested we do a June and October hamfest, January being too cold to tailgate. Voted to have the hamfest June 2 this year, and have a membership vote on future hamfest scheduling. Don will make hamfest flyers for the June 2 hamfest. Once the hamfest flyers have been printed, John Kippe, K1PPE, volunteered to distribute them if he can get reimbursement for his fuel expenses.

Items for a checklist were discussed:

- Parking
- Ticket Taking
- Ticket Sales cutoff time
- Load-in volunteers and published schedule
- Load-out
- Setup
- Tear Down
- QST announcement
- Posting contact phone number for late load-in arrivals?
- Cones for directing traffic to proper entrance
- MC - Henry Heidtmann, W2DZO, will MC the hamfest

4. Streaming Computer: Henry Heidtmann, W2DZO, has ordered a computer and will set it up for streaming.

5. Estate donation: We received a letter from a lady whose ham husband passed away and wants to donate the equipment to the club. David asked for a volunteer to go with him to look at the equipment

and take some pictures. Mike Atkins-N4VE and Jim Register-KV4SJ volunteered. Suggested collecting any notes the gentleman had (that the family did not want to keep) that would be useful for the club historian.

6. Field Day 2018: Daryl Knight, N5WK, has already reserved the Hobby Park location. David, KC4X, will call Jim Atkins about filing with the ARRL.

7. Bylaws Committee: The bylaws committee continued discussions before and after the business meeting, and continues moving forward on the rewrite.

8. Equipment Auction: Henry Heidtmann, W2DZO, asked if we could expedite the donated equipment auction by putting some of the items up on eBay since it has been six months and the equipment is still here. The donor has requested that the items be offered to local club members first. We decided to postpone the auction until the Monday, March 12 meeting when Henry and Raja will be doing the program and Henry has to be there anyway.

9. Hearing Aid donation: Robert Meier, AA9AU, has some hearing aids to donate, and asked for where they might be welcomed. The Lions Club was suggested, as they used to take old glasses, and may be able to accept them, or know of an appropriate organization.

10. Future Business Meetings: Regularly scheduled business meetings will continue to be held in the private room at 66 Pizza. We decided to move that meeting to the Red Cross and bring or order in food if we have to reschedule and the room is not available. The noise level in the main restaurant makes it difficult to have an effective meeting.

11. Adjournment of Meeting: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours.