

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club - 21 May 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, 21 May 2018 at Sixty Six Pizzeria, 3440 Frontis St, Winston Salem. The meeting was called to order by FARC President David Shoaf, K4CX, at 1921 hours, welcoming all meeting attendees.

2. Meeting Attendees: The 16 meeting attendees were Tony Poindexter KW4OQ, Steve Patterson WA3RTC, Jim Register KV4SJ, Terry Brown AK4D, Bobby Meier AA9AU, Michael Pope K4OLD, Pedro Tomas KN4GKY, Don Edwards WS4NC, David McDonald N5WNB, Daryl Knight N5WK, Harold Richardson N4HER, Sam Poindexter NI4TG, John Kippe K1PPE, Jerry Minor K4GW, David Shoaf KC4X, and Van Key KC4WSK.

3. Hamfest: John Kippe, K1PPE, reported on hamfest progress and thanked all who had signed up to help.

One vendor from Virginia needs 5 tables

One vendor coming with a tractor trailer full of tubes - he'll park at the east entrance to the tailgating lot.

Triad Electronic Supply will unfortunately not be here.

DBJ Radio & Electronics - KG4YVA, KG4YOU, KI4FKI will be here.

Harold Richardson N4HER will be here with antennas.

Triad LED - Levan Moxley plans to be here.

Charles Littlewood, K4HF and friends will be here.

Handicap parking should be down at the building, not in the upper parking lot.

We (volunteers) should park across the street after unloading. There is also extra parking behind the building.

Harlan will do the talk-in on 147.315

John suggested setting up a test location with a power supply and antenna or dummy load and wattmeter so someone who wanted to buy a rig could verify it works.

Church has switched to round tables; we will need to put away round tables and either bring in square tables from the classrooms or let the vendors bring theirs (or both).

Discussed moving the second hamfest to October starting in 2019. Tabled until January 2019.

4. Field Day Update: Daryl Knight, N5WK reported on Field Day plans and progress:

Hobby Park is rented

Harlan Cobert, W1HRC, will be the Safety Officer

Harold Richardson, N4HER, will do the educational event

Bobby Meier, AA9AU, will run the GOTA station

Michael Pope, K4OLD, will handle media

Need someone to send out the National Traffic Net bulletins on 3923 kHz

FT-8 is **not** allowed this year

We will still operate 9A.

Note: The extra point efforts must be documented with photographs.

Is the banner in good shape? We got a new one made for the Reynolda House event, but it needs a grommet; we may use it and the ARES® banner together.

Pamphlets for Field Day are in the box with the hamfest tickets; we will check that at the hamfest. We usually use leftover hamfest pamphlets at Field Day. Kent may have some. He plans to be at the hamfest. We had approved having stuff professionally printed - not sure whether that happened. We don't want to get to the park and discover we don't have the radios from the Red Cross. Need to make sure the cables in the shack are labeled so everything comes out and goes back together nicely. Gene Bowman, WB4MSG, plans to be at the park and operating; Daryl will ask him to disconnect the radios in the shack. Daryl and Gene will check out the antennas and coax. We think we can launch antenna supports on Thursday morning. Suggested tagging trees with colored tape for the different bands.

Antennas need to be within a 1000 foot diameter / 500 foot radius circle. We have been placing antennas in a line; Harold is thinking to move his digital station antenna farther away from the 20 meter voice antenna, possibly down near the airfield or on the other side of the soap box derby track. Probably won't put up the 2M beam.

Pallets for the generators are stored at Mike's shop - David Shoaf KC4X offered to pick them up.

John Kippe K1PPE offered to set up a 100% solar station. He has 400 watts of inverter power.

Discussed who will run the launcher - Ken Melvin, KM4NFQ, did that a lot last year and wants others to be able to share in the fun...

Drop coax off at the **top** of the hill.

CW operators may be in short supply; we know we have: Gene Bowman WB4MSG, Brian Kuebert N4UEZ, Don Edwards WS4NC, Jim Atkins W4UX. Gary Miller WA4VMC might be available - need to check with him.

We need to arrange for a city official to attend. Henry Heidtmann W2DZO normally arranges for Dan Besse to attend, but Henry will not be available this year. Harlan Cobert W1HRC may be able to make some contacts to that end. We can ask Tom Dunn from the Red Cross and folks from the Salvation Army to come out.

We may be able to get the Boy Scouts out this year.

We may want to look at putting more/better signs out this year. Steve Patterson WA3RTC has contacts in a local sign company. Perhaps put signs at the entrance, a quarter mile back, and one-half mile back. Possible locations for signs are, from west to east - Smiley's Golf or the adjacent waste treatment plant, some intermediate location, the Hobby Park entrance, Brylin Crossing Apartments, and near Family Dollar.

Steve Patterson, WA3RTC, is handling the food. It will be a hot dog cookout with all the trimmings this year. The serving line will have some space left for folks to bring what they might want to donate to the cause.

Next club meeting we will pass out a signup sheet for operators to pick a time slot and volunteers to help.

Breakfast on Field Day Saturday will be at Jimmy the Greeks at 8 am. After breakfast, load out the Red Cross, then teleport to Hobby Park about 9 am.

5. Adjournment of Meeting: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and meeting was adjourned at 2027 hours.