

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club - 16 July 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, 16 July 2018 at Sixty Six Pizzeria, 3440 Frontis St, Winston Salem. The meeting was called to order by FARC President David Shoaf, K4CX, at 1925 hours, welcoming all meeting attendees.

2. Meeting Attendees: The 20 meeting attendees were Jerry Minor K4GW, Pedro Tomas KN4GKY, Don Edwards WS4NC, Ian MacArthur W4STH, Stacey MacArthur W1LLO, Jim Register KV4SJ, Sam Poindexter NI4TG, Daryl Knight N5WK, John Kippe K1PPE, Bobby Meier AA9AU, Harold Richardson N4HER, David Shoaf KC4X, Steve Patterson WA3RTC, Michael Pope K4OLD, Terry Brown AK4D, Gene Bowman WB4MSG, Henry Heidtmann W2DZO, Mary McClellan KM4WPO, Bob McClellan W3AVB, and Kent Englebert K4HKE.

3. FirstFest Hamfest: John Kippe, K1PPE, discussed options for bringing more vendors in. He knows DBJ and Mike will be there, and would like to get the person that does tubes and an actual dealer of new ham radio gear to come. John would like to bring in 4 confirmed vendors, and asked if he could offer incentives, such as hotel lodging for one night for those that are traveling long distances. An alternative option was to feed the vendors the night before the fest. Whatever we do for one vendor, we need to offer to all. John also suggested we specify the grand prize or door prize, as an incentive for attendees. Jerry Minor, K4GW, noted that one of the biggest draws for the Salisbury hamfest is the \$2 hot dog and drink. There was some discussion as to the cost of reasonable accommodations and whether that would cancel any earnings from the event. (We cleared about \$600 from JuneFest.) Also discussed was being careful to bring in new vendors whose product lines would complement rather than compete with those of our established vendors. Henry Heidtmann, W2DZO, suggested finding someone whose lines included Arduino and/or Raspberry Pi, thinking the schools might have some interest. We voted to table the item to allow further study.

4. Treasurer Report: Kent Englebert, K4HKE, reported that after the \$750 antenna installation, our balance is just under \$4,000

5. December meeting location: David, KC4X, moved that we go back to the Stratford Road Mi Pueblo for the December dinner meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

6. Repeater update: David, KC4X, and Dale Mierisch, WB9SZL, spent a day on the mountain last week doing repairs on the building where our 145.47 repeater is housed. Range is excellent, with hams checking in from Ramseur, Randleman, Lake Norman (Maritime Mobile). We discussed the lease payments - \$25/month power bill for the first year, with a 2% increase to \$25.50/month for the next year. Voted to go ahead and pay the \$300 and make copies of the lease available for perusal at the next meeting.

Don, WS4NC, suggested retuning the four-cavity duplexer with the additional two cavity bandpass for the 146.64 repeater to help deal with the pager at Baptist Hospital. Don, WS4NC, will discuss with Dale, WB9SZL. Dale, WB9SZL, and David, KC4X, are planning a visit soon with the new people in charge over at Baptist to work out issues with access.

7. Bylaws: We are missing one paragraph regarding a backup/secondary trustee to complete the bylaws. Don Edwards, WS4NC, has been in touch with our current trustee and will write the paragraph soon.

8. Nominating Committee: John Kippe, K1PPE, volunteered to be the interim chair of the nominating committee for next year's officers. Don Edwards, WS4NC, volunteered to help.

9. Field Day Logs: Henry Heidtmann, W2DZO, is handling the logs from Field Day, and spent some time nailing down all the info needed for submission to the ARRL.

10. Adjournment of Meeting: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours.