

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club - 18 Mar 2019

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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, 18 March 2019 at Sixty Six Pizzeria, 3440 Frontis St, Winston Salem. The meeting was called to order by FARC President Sam Poindexter, NI4TG, at 1930 hours, welcoming all meeting attendees.

2. Meeting Attendees: The 20 meeting attendees were Jerry Minor K4GW, Don Edwards WS4NC, Ian MacArthur W4STH, Stacey MacArthur W1LLO, Sam Poindexter NI4TG, Bobby Meier AA9AU, Harold Richardson N4HER, Michael Pope K4OLD, Kent Englebert K4HKE, Stephen Patterson WA3RTC, Dale Mierisch WB9SZL, David Shoaf KC4X, Jeff Stafford AC4YN, Jim Register KV4SJ, Bob McClellan W3AVB, Marry McClellan KM4WPO, Steve Weifenbach KN4LKP, Harlan Cobert W1HRC, Ron Gregoire W4UDB, Ken Kayser K2KXX

3. Revisiting Bylaws: Based on lawyer recommendations, the previously approved bylaws will be revisited to include small changes in wording and details on indemnity of club leadership.

4. Telephone: A MagicJack or similar internet based telephone was again discussed. As the doorbell cannot be heard from the club room, the phone number could be displayed on the front door window of the Red Cross building. There are no plans for a white page listing, although the number can be displayed on the website. Jerry Minor (K4GW) will inquire.

5. May Program: The May program has been finalized. "ZUMspot Hotspot", by Gaff Pearce (W4GYP).

6. Hamfest: The ARRL has sanctioned the October 12th hamfest. David Shoaf (KC4X) brought up that the fair is the same weekend and any potential issues this may cause. A \$5 fee for tailgating was also discussed.

7. Insurance: Serial numbers are still being gathered for registration with the insurance company due in July. This includes all new equipment and antennas.

8. Repeater Report: The first System Fusion repeater is operational on Baptist hospital. This is one repeater operating 146.640 OR 444.275 but not both simultaneously, with 146.640 as primary. The repeater is set as auto mode to switch between digital operation or analog operation depending on input. The repeater will always transmit on whichever mode is received. The second System Fusion repeater is in the works. A UPS is being considered for the site.

Internet service has successfully been installed at the Sauratown mountain site with a maximum throughput of 1Mb/s.

9. Remote Hams: Ken Kayser (K2KXX) discussed Remote Hams; a free service to remotely control radios. This would allow our members to sign up and schedule a time to remotely control one or more of the radios in the club shack, providing access to those who may not have equipment at home. No decision has been made at this time. More details to follow later.

10. Auxcomm: Harlan Cobert (W1HRC) presented the Auxcomm report. Suggestions were requested for a computer for the EOC. The antenna systems at the EOC are still being relocated; we are waiting on the original antenna installers to become available. Data Linking system or a Mesh Net from the EOC at the sheriff's office to the Red Cross building was discussed, as the club shack is designated as a backup location to our room at the EOC.

Changes coming down from ARRL/ARES will begin to require additional training and background checks. Due to NC Auxcomm requirements, we already have some of this training in place. An example of the new Auxcomm ID badge was presented.

11. Adjournment of Meeting: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and meeting was adjourned at 2107 hours.