

## Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club – 15 April 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, 15 April 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 23 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, Pedro Tomas KN4GKY, Bob McClellan W3AVB, Marry McClellan KM4WPO, Steve Weifenbach KN4LKP, Harlan Cobert W1HRC, Ken Kayser K2KXK, Geoff Rudy KK4MOV, Van Key KC4WSK, Steven Mierisch KG4JWU, Wilbur Fudpucker.

**3. Telephone:** A decision was finalized for telephone in the shack space. The Magic Jack was chosen as the best option. Jerry Minor (K4GW) will inquire on custom phone number.

**4. Mi Pueblo:** Mi Pueblo has once again been chosen to host our holiday meeting. The date of the meeting is targeted for the second Monday (December 9<sup>th</sup>) of the month. A final date will be announced once reservations have been made.

**5. Radios:** The two meter radio in the club shack is on its last legs, and discussion was had on a possible replacement. Providing fusion capability in future field go boxes was also discussed.

**6. Internet and Cable TV:** Currently, the club provides cable television service not only for the club, but also for the offices in the building. As this is no longer being used by either the club or the Red Cross, the decision was made to cancel this service and instead dedicate those funds towards providing our own internet connectivity. The reasoning behind this is at this point we have no access to the routers in the building. Providing our own routers would also facilitate the use of Remote Hams (more below). Ken Kayser (K2KXK) will handle the changeover.

**7. Remote Hams:** Ken Kayser (K2KXK) and Dale Mierisch (WB9SZL) have installed all hardware and software for Remote Hams. Testing for Remote Hams will proceed as soon as the internet is installed.

**8. Auxcomm:** Harlan Cobert (W1HRC) presented the Auxcomm report. Basic emergency communications class at the Red Cross building on May 25<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 4pm. Net Controller class coming up mid-July.

FCC petition RM-11831 could have consequences for emergency communications. The petition looks to ban the use of modes such as PACTOR or any point to point digital mode. This is a big issue for services like Winlink which provides much needed email service when primary systems are interrupted. This is a complex issue, but if it passes, according to Winlink, it could mean the end of Winlink in the United States. The FCC is currently accepting public comments, and people are encouraged to investigate this issue themselves and comment as they see fit.

Auxcomm IDs are still in the works; the target date for these are mid-June at the latest. Multiple printing options were discussed. Forsyth County Auxcomm now has its own emblem created by Stacey MacArthur (W1LLO) based upon the statewide Auxcomm design. This emblem will be available shortly as a patch, decal, as well as embroidered on clothing items. Availability will be announced at a later date.

**9. Sauratown Repeater:** As the Sauratown repeater location is being sold, David Shoaf (KC4X) suggested offering the owner 2 years full payment contract grandfathering us in with the new owner until 2021.

**10. Adjournment of Meeting:** Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and meeting was adjourned at 2114 hours.