

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club - 08 April 2019

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1. Call to Order and Welcome: The 08 April 2019 meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club at the Red Cross Building, 690 Coliseum Drive, was called to order by President Sam Poindexter (NI4TG) at 1929 hours. Sam welcomed all attendees, approximately 30, for coming out this evening, and invited each to give their name and callsign.

2. Announcements: The May presentation will be by Gaff Pearce (W4GYP) entitled "Work the world on half a watt and a hot spot." Topics will include D-Star, DMR, and system fusion. A Happy Birthday was given to Don Edwards (WS4NC) and a Welcome back to Terry Brown (AK4D). Jerry Minor (K4GW) was presented with a garage door opener. The new club QSL cards were presented and handed out. A QSL and letter from former member W4TNF was read aloud.

3. Business Meeting: Sam (NI4TG), along with the announcements reminded everyone about our upcoming business meeting next Monday at Sixty-Six Pizzeria on Frontis Plaza Street, right near Academy Sports. The meeting starts at 7:30; we get there between 6:00 and 7:30 to eat and hang around until 9 or so.

4. Field Day: Henry Heidtmann (W2DZO) spoke about the upcoming Field Day in June. Kudos to Daryl Knight (N5WK) for the organization of previous years field days. No rule changes from last year. Three things different are planned for this year: Total score will be tallied before leaving the event; a running count will be displayed on a projector or white board for public visibility; as well as Larger emphasis on the GOTA station.

5. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kent Englebert (K4HKE) being absent, Sam gave a brief treasurer's report. Our balance in the bank is \$4186.09.

6. Program: This month's program was Auxcomm. Harlan Cobert (W1HRC) who is the Auxcomm – Ares manager for Forsyth county presented. The slides for this presentation are available on the W4NC website at <http://www.w4nc.com/files/AuxComm%20ARES%202019.pptx/>

7. Testing and Repeater Report: Dale Mierisch (WB9SZL) presented the testing and repeater report. Two people tested Monday evening. One new Technician, and one upgrade to General. All three repeaters are up and functioning. Internet is installed and working at Sauratown mountain for repeater control. Dale reiterated that the two repeaters on Baptist hospital are fusion capable. They listen on automatic and transmit analog/digital the same mode as was received. A plan is in place to replace the antenna to increase range.

8. Adjournment of Meeting: A motion was made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2110.

9. Partial List of Meeting Attendees: Below is a partial list of FARC meeting attendees.

Don Edwards WS4NC, Steven Mierisch KG4JWU, Stacey MacArthur W1LLO, Sam Poindexter NI4TG, David Ramsey W4OIL, Ken Worland KW4UC, Linda Worland KW4UD, Harlan Cobert W1HRC, Michael

Pope K4OLD, Jerry Minor K4GW, Mary McClellan KM4WPO, Bob McClellan W3AVB, Steven Mellen K2MLN, Van Key KC4WSK, Sparky Ramey KE4TES, Mike Vernon W4MAV, Harold Richardson N4HER, Gaff Pearce W4GYP, Bruce Bailiff WB4QCM, Mike Atkins N4VE, David Shoaf KC4X, Mary DePuy KN4LKO, David McDonald N5WNB, Randy Thompson NC4RT, Jeff Stafford AC4YN, Tim Yarbrough KF4HHG, Derek Godfrey KN4OCW, Jim Register KV4SJ, Steven Iltis KM4OCR, David Griffith WA4MKK, Dale Mierisch WB9SZL