

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club - 20 May 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, 20 May 2019 at Sixty Six Pizzeria, 3440 Frontis St, Winston Salem. The meeting was called to order by FARC President Sam Poindexter, NI4TG, at 1928 hours, welcoming all meeting attendees.

2. Meeting Attendees: The 21 meeting attendees were Jerry Minor K4GW, Don Edwards WS4NC, Ian MacArthur W4STH, Stacey MacArthur W1LLO, Sam Poindexter NI4TG, Harold Richardson N4HER, Michael Pope K4OLD, Kent Englebert K4HKE, Stephen Patterson WA3RTC, Dale Mierisch WB9SZL, David Shoaf KC4X, Pedro Tomas KN4GKY, Bob McClellan W3AVB, Marry McClellan KM4WPO, Harlan Cobert W1HRC, Ken Kayser K2KXK, Geoff Rudy KK4MOV, Gaff Pearce W4GYP, Terry Brown AK4D, Henry Heidtmann W2DZO, Al Noone N2GMT.

3. Mi Pueblo: The large room at Mi Pueblo been confirmed for the Christmas meeting. The date of the meeting is confirmed for the second Monday (December 9th) of the month at 6pm.

4. Telephone: Jerry Minor (K4GW) gave a short update on the telephone situation. The new internet is up and running at the club shack, and a new telephone number has been acquired and held until the Magic Jack hardware can be installed. The new club telephone number is (336) 930-W4NC.

5. Repeaters: Contract on the repeaters. Upcoming transfer of ownership for the tower has not yet been completed. Jerry Minor (K4GW) talked the current owner into a 5 year contract which would be grandfathered to the new owner. \$300 a year.

6. Remote Hams: Ken Kayser (K2KXK) gave a report on Remote Hams. Remote Hams server is up and running. Multiple users have been on and testing. A presentation on Remote Hams will be at the July club meeting, and Remote Hams access will be available to all current club members paid up through 2019 or beyond.

7. Auxcomm: Harlan Cobert (W1HRC) presented the Auxcomm report. The new badge designs were once again shown. Member photos will be displayed on the IDs negating the need to present a driver's license, although an Amateur Radio license will still be required. The first round of photographs will be taken at the June club meeting. Auxcomm/Ares members are requested to dress appropriately as if taking a photo for a driver license (No club vests, no headwear etc.)

Background checks will be done through the American Red Cross. This is a Criminal History Record Check. This is a pass fail check, no details will be shared or displayed on the details of the result. This is at no cost to the club. These background checks will soon be required statewide, and well as being able to enter a Red Cross Shelter, so we are ahead of the curve.

8. Field Day: Stephen Patterson (WA3RTC) with Food. Ice chests are secured. Jug for the tea, propane tank, burners, grills. Corn on the cob, burgers and hot dogs will be served. For dessert we will not be having banana pudding this year, but there will be cake.

Henry Heidtmann (W2DZO) with the Field Day report. Michael Pope (K4OLD) has confirmed media contacts so we already have our points for that. Antennas are secured, and the coax has been staged. The GOTA station this year will have a 40-10m 2 element beam. Video presentation for June will be for Field Day by Henry Heidtmann and presented by David Shoaf (KC4X). Band Captains will be using N1MM logger for logging contacts which will be sent to a central computer for totals displayed on the projector. Harlan Cobert (W1HRC) will be taping off the antenna area to keep park visitors from wandering into the area as this was a issue last year.

9. Adjournment of Meeting: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and meeting was adjourned at 2031 hours.