

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club – 17 June 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, 17 June 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 28 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, Ray Crepeau K1HG, Daisy Crepeau KT4KW, Michael Crepeau N3MDC, John Kippe K1PPE, Steven Mierisch KG4JWU, Doc Holiday WB4QIZ, Jim Register KV4SJ, Van Key KC4WSK.

3. January Ham Fest: The date for the January ham fest was discussed and set. The January ham fest has traditionally been on the first weekend of the year, but it was decided it would be held on January 11th next year to avoid any conflicts with holiday vacations. David Shoaf (KC4X) has volunteered to remain ham fest chairman for January.

4. Remote Hams: The presentation for next month's (July) club meeting will be Remote Hams by Ken Kayser (K2KXK).

5. Auxcomm: Harlan Cobert (W1HRC) presented the Auxcomm report. Tour 2 Tanglewood is fast approaching, and as many people as possible are needed to volunteer, as this will be a sizable event this year.

We have three people that have been accepted into the state Auxcomm course for this year at the end of July. Stacey MacArthur (W1LLO), Mark Gaines (KM4TUK), and Nick Gibietis (NG8M).

Auxcomm patches and stickers are available. Patches are \$4.00; stickers are \$1.50.

6. Field Day: Henry Heidtmann (W2DZO) with the final Field Day report. Weather for field day looks good, no rain to be expected but it will be hot. Proper hydration and sun protection will be essential as well as insect repellent for later in the night. N1MM software should not be updated past version 7753. All instances of the software must be the same version to function properly with each other. Henry will contact the city to ensure the restrooms are unlocked and the shelter and surrounding areas will be mowed and well maintained. Transportation for all assets was discussed and organized, and media and government official representation has been confirmed. Harlan Cobert (W1HRC) will be taping off the antenna area to keep park visitors from wandering into the area.

7. Repeaters: On Thursday, June 20th from 11am to 3pm, testing will be done to improve repeater performance on Sauratown mountain. Echolink is up and running on 145.47 although there are reports of iPhone users having trouble, which is being investigated.

8. Lightning Arresters: The club shack needs new lightning arresters for the antennas. A vote was held and passed to purchase 4 Polyphaser arresters.

9. Adjournment of Meeting: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and meeting was adjourned at 2021 hours.