

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club – 19 August 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, 19 August 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 22 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, David Shoaf KC4X, Bob McClellan W3AVB, Marry McClellan KM4WPO, Ken Kayser K2KXK, Terry Brown AK4D, Jim Register KV4SJ, Van Key KC4WSK, Terry Good W3NPS, Dale Mierisch WB9SZL, Steven Mierisch KG4JWU, Ron Gregoire W4UDB, Gene Bowman WB4MSG, Jeff Stafford AC4YN.

3. Officers: All current officers have volunteered to serve for another term. Per the bylaws, a committee was formed to choose and confirm officers for 2020.

4. Ham Fest: January Ham Fest has been listed with ARRL. Food was discussed, as well as door prizes. More information to follow. Growth opportunities including a possible larger venue was also discussed.

5. Shack: Brand new Alinco 2m radio was discovered in the closet, discussion on what to do with it. Issue with Remote Hams has been resolved. Don (WS4NC) will be working with Ken Kayser (K2KXK) to provide a battery backup. Polyphaser lightning arresters have arrived and are being installed.

6. Control Boxes: Gene Bowman (WB4MSG) introduced a long-conceived project. Control boxes for the K3's in the shack. This will enhance the Remote Hams project, making it possible to switch antennas, and control several other accessories. These will be Arduino based allowing them to be programmed for several different tasks to fit our needs. At least 3 are needed for this project.

7. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kent Englebert (K4HKE) gave a brief treasurer's report. No changes from last week. Our balance in the bank is \$2407.44.

8. Repeater Update: Dale Mierisch (WB9SZL) gave a brief repeater update. The EchoLink issue with iOS has been resolved. 146.64 Baptist Hospital repeater continues to receive high levels of interference, research into this is ongoing.

9. FARC 90th: Next year marks the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club's 90th anniversary. FARC is the 2nd oldest club in the united states. Discussion was held on possible on-air events, a special event call, and event QSL cards. More discussion forthcoming.

10. Adjournment of Meeting: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and meeting was adjourned at 2027 hours.