

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club – 18 November 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, 18 November 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 22 meeting attendees were Jerry Minor K4GW, Don Edwards WS4NC, Sam Poindexter NI4TG, Harold Richardson N4HER, Michael Pope K4OLD, Stephen Patterson WA3RTC, David Shoaf KC4X, Pedro Tomas KW4GKY, Terry Brown AK4D, Jim Register KV4SJ, Van Key KC4WSK, Steven Mierisch KG4JWU, Robert Meier AA9AU, Ron Gregoire W4WDB, Ken Kayser K2KXX, Jeff Stafford AC4YN, Bob McClellan W3AVB, Mary McClellan KM4WPO, David Nicholson N2AWE, Gaff Pearce W4GYP, Kent Englebert K4HKE, Harlan Cobert W1HRC.
- 3. Christmas Party:** The annual Christmas party at Mi Pueblo on Dec 9th has been confirmed. We will meet at 6pm at 644 S. Stratford Road in Winston-Salem. There will be no business meeting for the month of December.
- 4. Ham Fest:** January Hamfest is Saturday January 11th. Once again help is needed Friday afternoon at 3pm to help set tables and load in vendors. David Shoaf (KC4X) has once again volunteered to be Hamfest chairman for 2020. A table will once again be available for members to sell one or two small items. Discussion to raise the admission ticket price for the hamfest to \$7.00 beginning fall of 2020. Final decision tabled until early next year.
- 5. Budget:** According to the bylaws, a budget should be established yearly. Discussion of what minimum should be maintained in the club bank account, as well as required expenditures and insurance premiums. Kent Englebert (K4HKE) passed around a proposed budget figuring in membership dues, other income and expenses.
- 6. K3:** The K3 transceiver that was connected to Remote Hams has been damaged, possibly from a lightning strike. Don has it on the workbench, will update with more information when available.
- 7. February presentation:** Ashville radio museum expressed interest in doing a presentation. The board voted on paying for half the hotel bill to help cover travel expenses.
- 8. Auxcomm/Ares:** Spent over 2000 man-hours in 2019. This time included training, three public service events, two weather events and weekly nets that average 16 check-ins. Next year there is plans for tabletop exercises in the Spring and Fall, and on-air communications exercises with rapidly passing traffic. Many opportunities to practice for emergencies coming next year.
- 9. Tri-band Antenna:** The club will be looking to purchase a tri-band HF antenna to install on the Red-Cross tower. More discussion to come at a later date.

10. Adjournment of Meeting: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and meeting was adjourned at 2029 hours.