

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club – 17 February 2020

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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 February 2020 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 25 meeting attendees were Jerry Minor K4GW, Don Edwards WS4NC, Sam Poindexter NI4TG, Harold Richardson N4HER, Stephen Patterson WA3RTC, Pedro Tomas KW4GKY, Terry Brown AK4D, Jim Register KV4SJ, Van Key KC4WSK, Steven Mierisch KG4JWU, Robert Meier AA9AU, Ron Gregoire W4WDB, Ken Kayser K2KXK, Jeff Stafford AC4YN, Bob McClellan W3AVB, Mary McClellan KM4WPO, Stacey MacArthur W1LLO, David Shoaf KC4X, Michael Pope K4OLD, Dale Mierisch WB9SZL, Jim Meek KN4UOP, Wayne Yankee KO4BUD, Henry Smith W4HHS, Harlan Cobert W1HRC, David Nicholson N2AWE.

3. Bylaws: Bylaws are nearly complete and are being reviewed. Completed version is to be printed in next month's newsletter as well as the website for public review. Final vote to be taken in March.

4. Budget: Budget for 2020 has been tentatively completed. As Kent Englebert (K4HKE) was not in attendance, budget will be reviewed next month.

5. Ham shack: A committee has been formed to review the condition of the club ham shack. This will include clean up, reorganization and disposal of items as well as general shack maintenance. Committee is being headed by Ken Kayser (K2KXK).

6. October Hamfest: A tentative date for October 10th has been assigned. Will double check with ARRL to make sure that date is clear.

7. Field Day 2020: Field Day this year will be headed up by committee. Henry Heidtmann W2DZO has once again volunteered to be Field Day Chairman. The remainder of the committee will be Harold Richardson N4HER, and Stacey MacArthur W1LLO. David Shoaf (KC4X) has contacted the city of Winston-Salem to confirm Hobby Park for the required dates. Opinions were polled on what matters to members for Field Day as well the possibility of changing class.

8. QSO Party: North Carolina QSO party is Sunday March 1st from 10am - 8pm. This will be the first of our anniversary events using the callsign W4NC/90. Modes operated will be CW and phone. Any interested should contact Don Edwards (WS4NC) or just show up to the club shack on that day. The South Carolina QSO party is the day prior on February 29th from 10am – 9pm, the club will be participating in that event as well.

9. Christmas Dinner: trying for the 1st or 2nd Monday in December. That will be the 7th or 14th. Will confirm with Mi Pueblo for the specific date they can accommodate us.

10. March Presentation: Harlan Cobert (W1HRC) will be presenting the annual Auxcomm/Emcomm presentation for the March meeting.

11. Auxcomm/Ares: Harlan Cobert (W1HRC) presented the Auxcomm report. A tentative date of Saturday March 28th to be confirmed with the Red Cross for the basic Emcomm 101 course. This course will run from 8am-5pm at the Red Cross building. EOC NCS course will be Saturday May 23rd from 8am-5pm also at the Red Cross building. Hanging Rock hiking event, April 4th; 12-15 people are needed for this event. MS 10k walk on April 18th needs volunteers as well; 6 are needed for this event. Kernersville has notified us that we have a dual band antenna set up at their EOC location, which will give us another point to operate from in the event of an emergency. The RNC is coming up, which may mean opportunities for Auxcomm activations.

12. Streaming: Due to the technical difficulties during February 's presentation, which was a sizeable embarrassment for the club, new streaming hardware and cameras are being considered to update the aging video system which led to the difficulties. More to come later.

13. Repeater Report: Dale Mierisch (WB9SZL) presented the repeater report. Internet has been upgraded on the mountain by the ISP. Testing to follow. The 145.47 repeater is up and running well, as is 146.64 with limited range. EchoLink is running well on .315 (Jerry Minor K4GW).

14. Adjournment of Meeting: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and meeting was adjourned at 2025 hours.