

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club – 20 April 2020

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- 1. Call to Order and Welcome:** The monthly Board of Directors Business Meeting, Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, was called to order by President Sam Poindexter (NI4TG) at 1930 hours. The meeting was held on Zoom video conferencing software due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2. Meeting Attendees:** The 22 meeting attendees were, Don Edwards WS4NC, Sam Poindexter NI4TG, Harold Richardson N4HER, Stephen Patterson WA3RTC, Terry Brown AK4D, Jim Register KV4SJ, Van Key KC4WSK, Ron Gregoire W4WDB, Ken Kayser K2KXK, Stacey MacArthur W1LLO, Michael Pope K4OLD, Dale Mierisch WB9SZL, Harlan Cobert W1HRC, David Nicholson N2AWE, Kent Englebert K4HKE, Bob McClellan W3AVB, Mary McClellan KM4WPO, Mark Gaines KM4TUK, Gene Bowman WB4MSG, Doc Holliday WB4DOC, Geoff Rudy KK4MOV, Bobby Meier AA9AU.
- 3. Announcements:** Sam (NI4TG) called 66 Pizza to cancel for tonight's scheduled meeting. 66 is still open for takeout and curbside pickup although the dining room remains closed. Following up on the previous discussion on the 66 Pizza gift cards, Kent (K4HKE) has purchased the gift cards and those who elected to have them mailed will go out shortly. Others will be held until the first available in-person meeting date. The coronavirus committee, who consists of Don (WS4NC) Sam (NI4TG) Terry (AK4D) and Harlan (W1HRC), are still monitoring the situation daily. We all look forward to meeting in person again, although it will not be happening anytime soon. If there is any input or questions, please let a member of the team know. The May general meeting will be Riley Hollingsworth with the FCC monitoring program, and the June general meeting is reserved for field day.
- 4. Budget:** Kent Englebert (K4HKE) gave the annual budget presentation. Kent designed an informative spreadsheet and presented it to the board, with multiple lines having been included this year by request. We are in fairly good shape this year with fewer expenses due to the virus. Along those same lines, if Field Day does not happen at Hobby park this year, that means less money out. Field day is a large expenditure and a major part of the budget. The budget was voted on and approved.
- 5. Bylaws:** The bylaws are complete. The final version of the bylaws will be forwarded back to the attorney for filing and final payment.
- 6. Field Day:** The ARRL has yet to come out with any more information. At this point we are remaining fluid, and planning for both scenarios; operating from Hobby Park as a scaled down event or operating from home as discussed previously at the April General Meeting. A date has been set for June 1st to decide on a final course of action.
- 7. Shack and Tower Clean-up:** The tower clean-up project has been put on hold, as well as the shack clean up until the virus situation has been resolved. Each member of the clean-up committee has their assignments and will continue working on those independently but will be unable to implement any changes until able to re-enter the red-cross.
- 8. Remote Hams:** Remote Hams is currently down, the internet is up, but the computer is non-responsive. Don (WS4NC) will attempt to reset the computer later this week.

9. Future Meetings: Any future Zoom meeting links will be sent out via e-mail prior to the meeting date.

10. Auxcomm/Ares: The Auxcomm group has been performing drills on ICS message forms. Since there has been some confusion, plans are in place to use Zoom for training meetings to augment on-the-air training. After the coronavirus emergency has eased, there are also plans to hold training drills for those who are WebEOC certified.

11. Adjournment of Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 2054 hours.