

## Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club – 11 May 2020

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**1. Call to Order and Welcome:** The 11 May 2020 meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club was called to order by President Sam Poindexter (NI4TG) at 1933 hours. The meeting was held on Zoom video conferencing software due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Sam welcomed all attendees, approximately 58, for joining us this evening.

**2. Announcements:** Shop and technical talk meeting scheduled on Zoom weekly on Wednesday nights at 19:30. This gives people a chance to socialize while everyone is stuck inside. Please see Don's email for the invite link. The June meeting presentation will be on Field Day organization, with details still being worked out. July's presentation will be NC ARRL section manager, Marv Hoffman (WA4NC). Brian Harrison (KN4R) may be able to present at the August meeting. Good meetings coming up in the next few months. Keep an eye on the [W4NC.com](http://W4NC.com) website for up to date information.

**3. Business Meeting:** Sam (NI4TG) reminded everyone about our upcoming business meeting next Monday via Zoom. The meeting starts at 19:30. The link will be distributed via e-mail.

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kent Englebert (K4HKE) gave a brief treasurer's report. Our balance in the bank is \$4550.35. Only major expense forthcoming will be the liability and insurance payment for around \$800. Any equipment that has been added to the club recently should be added to the list. If anyone has anything they think should be added, contact Kent at [treasurer@w4nc.com](mailto:treasurer@w4nc.com).

**5. Auxcomm/Ares:** Harlan Cobert (W1HRC) presented the Auxcomm report. Red Cross online course on psychological first aid is being provided free of charge. You can sign up at <http://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/classes/psychological-fist-aid%3A-supporting-yourself-and-others-during-covid-19/a6R3o0000014Zlg.html>. As of the report, there are 395 confirmed cases of Covid-19 in the county. 207 have been resolved. 16 people hospitalized. 5 deaths. A lot of restrictions are being eased, but please continue to be careful. The Auxcomm group held an online Zoom meeting last week on the ICS-213 message form. It was well received, and online training meetings will continue to be held once a month in lieu of in-house training. These meetings will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month at 20:00 on Thursday. Tour to Tanglewood is still being planned at this point for September. No cancellations have been made or are planned so please keep that in mind as are volunteers will still be needed.

**6. Testing and Repeater Report:** Dale Mierisch (WB9SZL) presented the testing and repeater report. Testing has been suspended for the moment due to the pandemic until July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Currently looking at testing via Zoom or in-person with strict social distancing guidelines in place. Any plans must first be approved by WA4VEC. Hopefully, there will be a decision in the next couple weeks. The hospital is inaccessible for the time being so there will be no work done on the 146.64 repeater until later. Filters are still being investigated to prevent the interference problem. 145.47 is up and running well as well as the EchoLink node.

**7. Program:** This month's program was on the FCC Volunteer Monitoring Program by Riley Hollingsworth (K4ZDH). Marv Hoffman (WA4NC) requested tonight's presentation be available via link

on the bi-weekly emails. If you do not get the bi-weekly Division Director or Section Manager newsletter emails, you can sign up via your profile at [ARRL.org](http://ARRL.org).

**8. CW Training:** A CW training and practice group has been scheduled every Friday at 19:30 on Zoom. If you would like to join, please contact Robert Meier (AA9AU), Stacey MacArthur (W1LLO), Don Edwards (WS4NC), or email [info@w4nc.com](mailto:info@w4nc.com)

**9. SSB Activity Nights:** Keith Thomas (KA4JAH) made an announcement. 2m SSB activity night, Thursday at 21:00 on 144.200 Mhz. 6m SSB activity night, Sunday at 20:30 on 50.155 Mhz.

**10. Adjournment of Meeting:** A motion was made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2030.

**11. Partial List of Meeting Attendees:** Below is a partial list of FARC meeting attendees.

Don Edwards WS4NC, Stacey MacArthur W1LLO, Sam Poindexter NI4TG, Harold Richardson N4HER, Dale Mierisch WB9SZL, Steve Patterson WA3RTC, Mark Gaines KM4TUK, Jim Bielski KJ4FIN, Van Key KC4WSK, Harlan Cobert W1HRC, David Shoaf KC4X, Kent Englebert K4HKE, Bruce Bailiff WB4QCM, David Ramsey W4OIL, Michael Pope K4OLD, Ron Adkins KM4WPN, Dick Hattaway W4PID, Steve Mellen K2MLN, Nick Hunter KN4UOL, Terry Good W3NPS, Mark Scott K4MV, Judson Davis KG4OHQ, Jack Rowe K4OZ, Jim Register KV4SJ, Terry Brown AK4D, Bob McClellan W3AVB, Mary McClellan KM4WPO, Steve Iltis KM4OCR, Bruce Thompson AD4ET, Marcia Thompson NC4MT, Ben Wasilauskas K4GHS, Geoff Rudy KK4MOV, Brian Harrison KN4R, Andy Brinkley NC4AB, Doc Holiday WB4DOC, David Jones KN4VBT, Ken Kayser K2KXK, Mike Mahan KB4WJA, John Canup KM4HVB, Bill Kennedy WD4OTY, Bryce Lambeth KE4ZFN, Thomas Hickey N4TUG, Gene Bowman WB4MSG, Kay Edwards KC4GKC, Riley Hollinsworth K4ZDH, Neal Pruitt WD4LSS, Robert Meier AA9AU, James Mansfield WA4NOT, Michael Culbreth W4CZJ, Jim Atkins W4UX, Bill Seward W4EXT, Keith Thomas KA4JAH, Carl Brown N4PAA, Jim Meek KN4UOP, Bob Gates KJ4IC, Marvin Hoffman WA4NC, David Langley W4YDY, and Daniel Ferguson N4TKI.