

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club – 15 June 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, Ken Kayser K2KXX, Stacey MacArthur W1LLO, Michael Pope K4OLD, Dale Mierisch WB9SZL, Harlan Cobert W1HRC, Kent Englebert K4HKE, Gene Bowman WB4MSG, Doc Holliday WB4DOC, John Canup KM4HVB, Henry Heidtmann W2DZO, David Shoaf KC4X, Steven Mierisch KG4JWU, Ron Gregoire W4UDB, Bob McClellan W3AVB, and Mary McClellan KM4WPO.
- 3. Club Bylaws:** The attorney is giving the bylaws a last review and will be sending us the final bill. The secretary of state does not require us to file the bylaws, only to keep them on record internally and updated as needed.
- 4. Email:** Mailchimp has increased their price for premium accounts. Last month it was approved to spend \$120.00 per year for a premium account, but due to the increased cost the decision was made to remain with a free account for the time being.
- 5. 66 Pizza:** Although many restaurants are re-opening at limited capacity, we made the decision this month to continue meeting on Zoom for the business meeting. Many of our members are in the high-risk group for Covid-19 and our priority is the safety of our members. We are taking things month by month and keeping 66 Pizza apprised of our situation.
- 6. October Ham Fest:** Considering the cancellation of the Shelby ham fest, which is only one month prior, the FARC October ham fest will most likely be cancelled due to safety concerns. The club relies heavily on the income from the ham fests, so the possibility of a donation drive has been considered to make up for the lost income.
- 7. Presentations:** The July presentation is the ARRL section manager, Marv Hoffman. The August presentation will be by Ken Kayser (K2KXX) on digital voice modes. September will be Don Edwards (WS4NC) with the Emergency Broadcast System.
- 8. Testing:** More people have been inquiring about testing. Hopefully, there will be an opportunity sometime in the middle of July. Keep an eye out at W4NC.com for updates.
- 9. Auxcomm/Ares:** This being the 3rd Thursday of the month, Auxcomm will be having its monthly Zoom based training session. There will be no on-the-air net. Tour to Tanglewood is still being planned. Please keep it on the calendar for the time being.

10. Field Day: At home Field Day is next week. Everything has been tested and is running smoothly. An informational document was finalized by the Field Day committee and will be available on the W4NC website as well as distributed via email. Next Wednesday June 24th at 7:30pm we will have an on-the-air activity to test our logging, rigs, and Zoom connection. Plan to use 2m simplex 146.52, and 10m SSB 28.450 – 28.470.

11. Web Hosting and Domain Name: Previously, the W4NC.org domain name had lapsed, was lost to a domain name flipper, and has recently again become available. Additionally, the bill for website hosting has come due. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to purchase the .org domain name and to pay the web hosting for the next 3 years.

12. Adjournment of Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 2025 hours.