

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club – 20 July 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 13 meeting attendees were, Don Edwards WS4NC, Sam Poindexter NI4TG, Harold Richardson N4HER, Stephen Patterson WA3RTC, Terry Brown AK4D, Jim Register KV4SJ, Ken Kayser K2KXK, Stacey MacArthur W1LLO, Michael Pope K4OLD, Harlan Cobert W1HRC, Kent Englebert K4HKE, John Canup KM4HVB, and Geoff Rudy KK4MOV.
- 3. Auxcomm/Ares:** Tour to Tanglewood, which was to take place this September, has officially been cancelled. Wednesday, August 5th from 1900 – 2100 there will a WebEOC training course via zoom. To take this course you must be registered through NCTERMS. There will be a maximum 30 of people admitted. On September 12th there will be a communications exercise from 1300 – 1600. The purpose of this exercise is to practice interfacing with WebEOC and passing formal traffic in an emergency. The 2m, 70cm, and 10m bands will be used. Please email ares@w4nc.com for more information.
- 4. January Hamfest:** Possibility of moving the January hamfest to spring to coordinate more with the autumn hamfest which was moved previously. With the current situation, the January hamfest will most likely be cancelled, and this would be the best time to make this move. This discussion was tabled until a later date.
- 5. 2021 Officers:** As per the bylaws, July is the month to begin looking for nominations of officers to transition beginning January 2021 and for the next two years. Kent Englebert (K4HKE) treasurer, and Stacey MacArthur (W1LLO) Secretary, have volunteered to continue to serve for the next term if needed. A nominating committee was formed to ask for volunteers for new officers. John Canup (KM4HVB) - Chair, Ken Kayser (K3KXK), Harold Richardson (N4HER), Don Edwards (WS4NC), Stacey MacArthur (W1LLO) make up the committee. If suitable volunteers for officers cannot be found, per the bylaws, existing officers can be reinstated for a 3rd year with a member vote of two-thirds at the next general club meeting.
- 6. December General Meeting:** Traditionally, the December general meeting has been held at Mi Pueblo Mexican restaurant where awards are given, officers transitioned, and a yearly overview of the treasurer's report and club business is presented. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this may not be possible. This meeting will most likely be held via Zoom, with an option for BYOT. (Bring Your Own Tacos!)
- 7. Donations:** Over the past few months we have been getting small donations from various sources. There are organizations that collect anonymous donations that can be earmarked for a specific purpose. This past week we received a donation from a charity distributor for \$500.00.
- 8. Meeting Attendance:** Recently, meeting attendance via Zoom has been noticeably decreasing over the past few months. Ideas were polled on how to increase both attendance and engagement.

9. Club Bylaws: There have been a few minor changes in wording for the bylaws. The final version will be posted on the website for public viewing and a vote called to approve during the August general meeting.

10. Adjournment of Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 2033 hours.