

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club – 13 July 2020

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1. Call to Order and Welcome: The 13 July 2020 meeting of the 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. Sam welcomed all attendees, approximately 42, for joining us this evening.

2. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kent Englebert (K4HKE) gave a brief treasurer's report. Our balance in the bank is \$3,042.84. The only upcoming expense is the website domain and hosting. Waiting on the invoice.

3. Auxcomm/Ares: Harlan Cobert (W1HRC) presented the Auxcomm report. Covid-19 cases have risen for the county, so please be safe. Tour to Tanglewood is still being planned for September, so plan accordingly even though it may end up being cancelled. The Auxcomm group will be having their monthly Zoom meeting on the 16th. This meeting will be at 8pm and will be covering the ARRL message form. There will be no on-air net. The meeting number is listed in the newsletter.

4. Field Day Submission: Stacey MacArthur (W1LLO) quickly went over the procedure to submit your field day log via the online webform. If anyone still has questions or needs guidance on how to submit, contact Harold Richardson (N4HER) or join us every Wednesday for Tech Talk (meeting number in the newsletter) and we will be happy to assist. Deadline for submitting your logs is July 28th, 2020. When submitting, please be sure to enter 'Forsyth ARC' in the 'Club or Group Name' field.

5. Program: This month's program was by Marv Hoffman (WA4NC), the NC section manager for the ARRL. Some of the topics included the future of the ARRL, the new On the Air magazine, and focus on youth involvement.

6. Testing and Repeater Report: Dale Mierisch (WB9SZL) presented the testing and repeater report. The hospital is still inaccessible for the time being due to Covid-19 so there will be no work done on the 146.64 or 444.275 repeaters. The 145.47 repeater up on the mountain is up and running well. The EchoLink node is being switched between 145.47 and 147.315 as needed and is operational. W4VEC is still not supporting remote testing, but options are still being considered. A testing session is planned in the Greensboro area on August 8th unless something changes. Contact [AJ4TF\[at\]arrl.net](mailto:AJ4TF@arrl.net) for more information.

7. Adjournment of Meeting: A motion was made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2101.

8. 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, Van Key KC4WSK, Harlan Cobert W1HRC, David Shoaf KC4X, Kent Englebert K4HKE, Bruce Bailiff WB4QCM, Michael Pope K4OLD, Jim Register KV4SJ, Terry Brown AK4D, Bob McClellan W3AVB, Mary McClellan KM4WPO, Geoff Rudy KK4MOV, Ken Kayser K2KXX, John

Canup KM4HVB, James Mansfield WA4NOT, Michael Culbreth W4CZJ, Jim Atkins W4UX, Carl Brown N4PAA, Wayne Collins KK4ZHL, Doug Spriggs W4DCS, Ron Gregoire W4UDB, Terry Good W3NPS, Lou Mayer KK4NUB, Steven Mierisch KG4JWU, David Ramsey W4OIL, Mark Gaines KM4TUK, Marv Hoffman WA4NC, Keith Thomas KA4JAH, Dick Hattaway W4PID, Neal Pruitt WD4LSS, Bill Seward W4EXT, David Nicholson N2AWE, Jim Meek KN4UOP, David Langley W4YDY, Wayne Ashworth W4HG, Steve Weifenbach W3SAW, and Gene Bowman WB4MSG.