

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club – 17 August 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 23 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, Geoff Rudy KK4MOV, David Shoaf KC4X, Bob McClellan W3AVB, Mary McClellan KM4WPO, David Nicholson N2AWE, Doc Holliday WB4DOC, Van Key KC4WSK, Jerry Minor, K4GW, Steven Mierisch KG4JWU, Ben Burton AK4AK, and Gene Bowman WB4MSG.

3. Announcements: The September general meeting presentation will be Digital voice modes by Ken Kayser (K2KXK). 66 Pizza called and inquired about our attendance. Since we have been unable to attend our regularly scheduled dinner meetings due to COVID, permission was given to allow them to schedule other groups for the time being. Dec 14th is the annual Christmas Party, which is the 2nd Monday of that month. This will be held on Zoom with a format similar to the in-person Christmas meeting.

4. Accreditation: The ARRL listing for the club was out of date. The club remains accredited, although a renewal application for the special services club status must be processed. The information was updated the previous week, and the application will be submitted this week.

5. Red Cross: Don Edwards (WS4NC) has been keeping an eye on the Club shack at the Red Cross. Everything is just safe and secure.

6. Document Storage: Terry Brown (AK4D) has facilitated the storage of important documents on the club website. Bylaws were accepted last week, and according to the bylaws, a central depository must be maintained for safe and efficient storage of important documents allowing access to club members. Although many of the important club documents have already been scanned, there are many more. Kent Englebert (K4HKE) volunteered to assist Don Edwards (WS4NC) and Terry Brown (AK4D) in scanning the remaining documents. A lock was discussed for the file cabinet at the Red Cross to protect the hard copy.

7. Auxcomm/Ares: Thursday, August 20th, there will be a Zoom meeting continuing the discussion on ICS forms. The information for this meeting is in the newsletter. 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.

8. 2021 Officers: The officer selection committee has met several times and have decided on nominations for the next term. Kent Englebert (K4HKE) Treasurer, and Stacey MacArthur (W1LLO) Secretary, have volunteered to continue to serve for the next term. 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. Sam Poindexter (NI4TG) President has also volunteered to continue if membership approves. Mason Matrazzo (KM4SII) has been nominated for the post of Vice President.

9. Adjournment of Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 2037 hours.