

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club – 21 September 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 19 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, Kent Englebert K4HKE, John Canup KM4HVB, David Shoaf KC4X, David Nicholson N2AWE, Doc Holliday WB4DOC, Van Key KC4WSK, Jerry Minor K4GW, Dale Mierisch WB9SZL, Gene Bowman WB4MSG, and Cathy Melvin KM4OCS.
- 3. Record Retention:** Terry Brown (AK4D) has been working on moving files to the website server to allow archiving and access to important club documents. Terry has uploaded many presentations to the YouTube channel for public viewing. You can access these past presentations easily by going to the 'past meeting event info' tab on the w4nc.com website.
- 4. Silent Key:** John Kippe (K1PPE) passed away on September 21st at 3:33pm due to heart failure. It has been requested it not be discussed. We ask that everyone honors the family's wishes.
- 5. Club Trustee:** Our club trustee Bob Gates (KJ4IC) relocated to Florida some time back. He has done a wonderful job keeping up with the club over the years and we thank him for his service, but it was thought best to have a trustee local and involved in club business in case issues should arise. As per the bylaws, Kent Englebert (K4HKE) has been nominated by the current president and has accepted the responsibility of club trustee. A vote of the board of directors was called and passed.
- 6. Shack Phone:** Last year the club purchased a Magic Jack for VOIP telephone service at the club shack. Since then there have been multiple complaints about the service, as well as the line being ultimately disconnected. It was decided to renew the telephone account for the next year, after which our needs may be reevaluated.
- 7. Hamfest:** Discussion on moving the January Hamfest to April to better coordinate with the October hamfest. January may still be restricted due to COVID-19 as well and April would permit better temperatures. Research into which date is available to avoid conflicts with other ham fests.
- 8. Auxcomm:** Reminder of the Auxcomm EOC-NCS course, which has a tentative date of October 24th. From 8am - 5pm. There is a possibility of this course being broken up over two or more days with reduced hours each day. More to come later.
- 9. Adjournment of Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned at 2028 hours.