

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club – 14 September 2020

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1. Call to Order and Welcome: The 14 September 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 48, for joining us this evening.

2. Announcements: Until November, all meeting attendees will be entered into a drawing for a Baofeng HT radio to be given away at the end of the year. The winner will be announced at the December meeting. The program for October will be by Doug Spriggs (W4DCS) on his Class-D AM transmitter. The club information on ARRL website has been updated and the renewal application for Special Service Club status has been submitted. Thank you to Jerry Minor (K4GW) and Stacey MacArthur (W1LLO) for facilitating that. The Auxcomm-Ares on-air event scheduled for September was cancelled. This event will be rescheduled, so keep an eye out for that.

3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kent Englebert (K4HKE) gave a brief treasurer's report. Our balance in the bank is \$2,836.17. There is more in the account than usual this time of year due to not having to pay out many of the usual expenses this year. We received an Amazon donation of \$51.31. Reminder about the Amazon smile program; the holidays are approaching and buying things through the Amazon smile program really helps the club.

4. 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. Sam Poindexter (NI4TG) President has also volunteered to continue if membership approves. Mason Matrazzo (KM4SII) has been nominated for the post of Vice President. A vote was called and passed to accept the officers as presented.

5. Program: This month's program was by Ken Kayser (K2KXK) on Digital Voice modes. The full presentation can be found here <https://youtu.be/JrCTLoxXYsg>.

6. Repeater Report: Dale Mierisch (WB9SZL) presented the repeater report. The 145.47 repeater is up and running well, will only a few reports of intermittent static. 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 EchoLink node is being switched between 145.47 and 147.315 as needed and is operational. The internet provider has been doing work on the system, and the internet up on the mountain is up and running well.

7. Upcoming Meetings: Sam (NI4TG) reminded everyone about our upcoming business meeting next Monday via Zoom, as well as the weekly Tech Talk every Wednesday night. These meetings both start at 7:30. The links for all meetings are listed on the front of the most recent newsletter.

8. Possible Presentation: Jerry Minor (K4GW) has been in contact with Bob Heil (K9EID) about a possible presentation. His schedule is tight, but he is willing to present in November. More details later.

9. Adjournment of Meeting: A motion was made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2128.

10. 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, Terry Brown AK4D, Bob McClellan W3AVB, Mary McClellan KM4WPO, Ken Kayser K2KXK, John Canup KM4HVB, James Mansfield WA4NOT, Michael Culbreth W4CZJ, Wayne Collins KK4ZHL, Doug Spriggs W4DCS, Terry Good W3NPS, Lou Mayer KK4NUB, Steven Mierisch KG4JWU, Keith Thomas KA4JAH, Dick Hattaway W4PID, David Nicholson N2AWE, Jerry Minor K4GW, Richard Hall K7RLH, Andy Brinkley NC4AB, Marcia Thompson NC4MT, Bruce Thompson AD4ET, Henry Heidtmann W2DZO, Mason Matrazzo KM4SII, Fred Overstreet WB4QXG, Doc Holliday WB4DOC, Cathy Melvin KM4OCS, Neal Pruitt WD4LSS, David Ramsey W4OIL, Judson Davis KG4OHQ, Bill Seward W4EXT, Carl Brown N4PAA, David Griffith WA4MKK, Gaff Pearce W4GYP, David Jones KN4VBT, Bobby Meier AA9AU, Jim Meek KN4UOP, and Bill Patterson KD4RGB.