

## Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club – 19 October 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 22 meeting attendees were, Don Edwards WS4NC, Sam Poindexter NI4TG, Harold Richardson N4HER, Stephen Patterson WA3RTC, Terry Brown AK4D, Jim Register KV4SJ, Ken Kayser K2KXX, 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, Harlan Cobert W1HRC, Gene Bowman WB4MSG, Mason Matrazzo KM4SII, Bob McClellan W3AVB, Mary McClellan KM4WPO, and Steven Mierisch KG4JWU.
- 3. Announcements:** As discussed last month, Kent Englebert (K4HKE) has been instated as the new Trustee and all records have been updated. David Shoaf (KC4X) and Ken Kayser (K2KXX) have confirmed the hamfest for April of next year with the ARRL.
- 4. 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 asked for anyone holding any critical club documents to email them to his call sign at yahoo dot com.
- 5. Auxcomm:** Harlan Cobert (W1HRC) presented the Auxcomm report. The Auxcomm state conference call was held the previous weekend. A now resigned Auxcomm member had spread erroneous information regarding ARES being discontinued in North Carolina. This information is incorrect and should be disregarded. ARES is part of Auxcomm and is encouraged. There have been policy changes regarding the database and operation of Auxcomm. To be added to the database you must prove to Auxcomm leadership that you have experience in radio and net operations. Winlink ability is encouraged. Through training, Auxcomm personnel will be able (when requested) to use the VIPER radio system. North Carolina has been identified as a model state for Auxcomm organizations. Members in the database should have received an email from Emergency Management. Please fill out the included survey as soon as possible. There are new versions of the ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 courses. Please make sure your training is up to date. EOC NCS course has been finalized for 4 2-hour sessions starting on Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 12pm and going for 4 Saturdays.
- 6. Budget:** Kent Englebert (K4HKE) made a presentation on next year's budget. A copy of the budget for 2021 was emailed to the board. There is little difference between this year and last year's budget. We are slated to start the year with approximately \$2900 in the bank. An increase from due is expected at the beginning of the year, and most of the expenses are scheduled for June. A fundraiser to make up for lost income due to COVID is being discussed. The completed budget will be presented to the club during the December meeting.
- 7. Baptist Hospital:** Arrangements are being made to gain access to the roof of Baptist hospital so work can be done on the repeaters. An entire system inspection is planned.

**8. Dues:** Due to COVID there has not been an opportunity for ham fests or other events that would bring in much needed income, and it is unclear whether we will be able to have them in the coming year. For a long time, the club membership dues have been kept low as we have always been able to afford what was needed. Last year dues were raised by a small amount, an increase of \$3.00 for senior membership, and \$6.00 for standard. As a large majority of members are seniors, income has been reduced more and more each year. It was decided to present to the club membership a dues adjustment to \$25.00 for all memberships. No additional charge would be made to family memberships. Discussion and a vote will be held at the December meeting. As well as dues, the club provides many services that are used by club members and non-club members including the repeaters, remote hams, events, and presentations. A county wide mailing solicitation is being discussed for new memberships and donations.

**9. Adjournment of Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned at 2114 hours.