

# Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club – 8 February 2021

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**1. Call to Order and Welcome:** The 8 February 2021 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 52, for joining us this evening.

**2. Announcements:** Sam (NI4TG) took a moment to recognize our visitors. The April hamfest has been postponed. A committee was formed to investigate a venue for later in the year. The church where the hamfest is normally held will be undergoing renovations making it unavailable. A reminder to pay your yearly dues, they were due by the end of January. You can pay via PayPal, or check. The link and address are on the website. Next month's presentation will be by Brian Harrison (KN4R) on designing your QRZ.com page. Brian always has great presentations so be sure not to miss it. We are sad to announce Fred Overstreet (WB4QXG) is SK. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

**3. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kent Englebert (K4HKE) was not in attendance, so Sam gave a brief treasurer's report. Our balance in the bank is \$3,808.80.

**4. Repeater Report:** Dale Mierisch (WB9SZL) was not in attendance, so Sam presented the testing and repeater report. Testing is still suspended; perspective exam candidates are being forwarded to Greensboro and Highpoint test sites until the Red Cross building opens back up. 145.47 is operating well and Dale has been performing remote maintenance. 146.64 is operational but still has interference. Due to a change in the maintenance department at the hospital, we are having difficulty accessing the repeater site; club members are working on a solution. 444.275 repeater is still experiencing strong interference. EchoLink is up and mainly on Jerry Minor's 147.315 repeater.

**5. Auxcomm/Ares:** Harlan Cobert (W1HRC) presented the Auxcomm report. This year many Auxcomm members are due for Skywarn training; this training must be completed every two years. Links have been provided on the website for a self-guided course. Currently working with the NWS on an online face-to-face course in March. Reminder to please be sure your ICS courses are up to date. If they are not, take the most current version and email your certificate to ares[at]w4nc.com. New training from the state is being developed and may be required for Auxcomm personnel, more information to come. Zoom training the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 8:00pm, the meeting number can be found on the website. Auxcomm is currently running a drill on message traffic handling via ISC-213.

**6. Program:** This month's program was by Dick Hattaway (W4PID) on Clublog.

**7. Antenna switch box:** Gene Bowman (WB4MSG) presented a group project. An antenna switch box able to switch 6 antennas to 2 radios with a capability of 1.5kw. The maker of the circuit boards is willing to discount for multiple orders. Please let Gene know if you would like to participate.

**8. Adjournment of Meeting:** A motion was made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2039 local time.

**9. 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, Steve Patterson WA3RTC, Van Key KC4WSK, Harlan Cobert W1HRC, David Shoaf KC4X, Terry Brown AK4D, Bob McClellan W3AVB, Mary McClellan KM4WPO, Ken Kayser K2KXK, John Canup KM4HVB, Doug Spriggs W4DCS, Terry Good W3NPS, Lou Mayer KK4NUB, Dick Hattaway W4PID, Jerry Minor K4GW, Richard Hall K7RLH, Andy Brinkley NC4AB, Marcia Thompson NC4MT, Bruce Thompson AD4ET, Mason Matrazzo KM4SII, Doc Holliday WB4DOC, Judson Davis KG4OHQ, Bill Seward W4EXT, David Jones KN4VBT, Jim Register KV4SJ, Steve Iltis KM4OCR, Nick Hunter W4NPH, Gene Bowman WB4MSG, David Nicholson N2AWE, Jim Atkins W4UX, Keith Thomas KA4JAH, Walter Howerton W8ALLY, Geoff Rudy KK4MOV, Richard Huebner W0RCY, Gary Miller WA4VMC, Mark Raysin KG4GVJ, Michael Pope K4OLD, Chuck Small KM4IVY, Kay Edwards KC4GKY, Ron Gregoire W4UDB, David Rotenberry K4DR, Carl Brown N4PAA, Neal Pruitt WD4LSS, Jim Mansfield WA4NOT, Randy Tompson NC4RT, Bung Kim KO4LAK, Ben Wasilaukas K4GHS, Peter Van Houten N4PVH, and Joe Waugh.