

## Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club – 15 March 2021

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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, Ken Kayser K2KXK, Stacey MacArthur W1LLO, Michael Pope K4OLD, Kent Englebert K4HKE, David Shoaf KC4X, David Nicholson N2AWE, Doc Holliday WB4DOC, Jerry Minor K4GW, Harlan Cobert W1HRC, Mason Matrazzo KM4SII, Steven Mierisch KG4JWU, Dale Mierisch WB9SZL, Van Key KC4WSK, and Bruce Bailiff WB4QCM.
- 3. Announcements:** The finance committee has met twice in the past month and are developing new sources of income as well as value to club members. We have completed a mailer to previous members and those who have not renewed in multiple years; we raised approximately \$400 with this campaign. Ken Kayser (K2KXK) will present a short presentation at the April meeting on the Amazon smile program. Steve Patterson (WA3RTC) will also present a tie in during his presentation. Recent SK Fred Overstreet (WB4QXG) has donated equipment to the club. This equipment will be catalogued and used or auctioned at a later date.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kent Englebert (K4HKE) gave a brief treasurer's report. Our balance in the bank is \$4,940.96. Dues are still coming in.
- 5. Member Survey:** A survey to the club membership is being developed to gauge interest in different areas of the club. Some of these areas include satisfaction in club leadership, club activities, general topic interest, etc. This is useful information as we develop new ways to engage members and build value in the club.
- 6. Repeater Report:** Dale Mierisch (WB9SZL) presented the testing and report. E-mails have been sent out to the VEs concerning their availability for the May 8<sup>th</sup> testing session. Many have come back, and the session is currently only short by one.
- 7. Hamfest:** Interest in a joint hamfest with Traid Baptist church in Kernersville in August; this is on hold for now and would be in addition to the October hamfest. October hamfest has been finalized with the ARRL. This may be an outside event. More information to come.
- 8. Presentations:** June program is by Steve Patterson (WA3RTC); May program is still in the works, there are multiple options that are being looked into. June presentation will be Field Day.
- 9. New Ham Kit:** The new ham kit project is nearly complete with only the informational booklet to finish up and print. All items have been purchased. The flyer has been designed, printed and received, and the folders are ready to be put together. This will be a good resource to new hams that pass their tests when in-person testing resumes.

**10. NC Science Fest assistance:** Chris (KN4VOB) has requested help from anyone with packet radio knowledge and hardware to participate with the TARP network demonstration at the North Carolina Science Festival on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Please e-mail [secretary@w4nc.com](mailto:secretary@w4nc.com) if interested.

**11. Hospitality Report:** Multiple new members and potential members have been contacted over the past month. Doc and Ken have done a great job keeping up with emails concerning club membership.

**12. Auxcomm:** Zoom training the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 8:00pm; this month the training is on Winlink presented by Brian Nicholson (N2AWE); the meeting number can be found on the website. Davidson county has contacted Forsyth County Auxcomm for cooperation with their county. The local Forsyth Auxcomm group does have members from Davidson county, and can respond to requests for assistance when required.

**13. Future Meetings:** As we move back towards in-person meetings, there is concern that people who have joined us in the past year via Zoom may be left out. Plans are being developed to allow higher quality video streams, as well as a Zoom interface to allow those who can not make it to the meetings to still be able to participate and interact with the presentations.

**14. Adjournment of Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned at 2044 hours.