

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

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**1. Call to Order and Welcome:** The 8 March 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 54, for joining us this evening.

**2. Announcements:** Sam (NI4TG) took a moment to recognize new members. We are tentatively meeting in person for Field Day this year; those who do not feel comfortable may operate from home as per the waived ARRL rules. The ARRL has sanctioned our October ham fest and is being planned as normal. The presentation for the April meeting will be by Steve Patterson (WA3RTC) with his Rig control project.

**3. Auxcomm/Ares:** Harlan Cobert (W1HRC) presented the Auxcomm report. Message drills are continuing through the month; both ARRL Radiograms and ICS-213. March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 is the North Carolina tornado drill. This is severe weather month; Families should develop a plan in the event of a tornado or severe weather. 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. 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.

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Kent Englebert (K4HKE) gave a brief treasurers report. Our balance in the bank is \$4,656.89. No major expenses expected in the next few months.

**5. Repeater Report:** Dale Mierisch (WB9SZL) gave the testing and repeater report. Looking to hold outdoor in-person testing on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. This is tentative on the availability of VEs, but it is hoped that many VEs will have their vaccinations by that point. More information to come. Ice storms over the past month caused a power outage at the 145.47 repeater site. An interface has been installed allowing remote power cycling. A cable was found to be loose on the duplexer; this has been remedied and has resulted in less interference. There is a new data repeater on the site; ways to filter out the interference caused by this repeater are being looked into. The backup generator was found to have a bad battery and has been communicated to the owner.

**6. Program:** This month's program was by Brain Harrison (KN4R) on the basics of a QRZ page.

**7. Adjournment of Meeting:** A motion was made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2048 local time.

**8. 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, 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, 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, Steve Iltis KM4OCR, Nick Hunter W4NPH, Gene Bowman WB4MSG, David Nicholson N2AWE, Jim Atkins W4UX, Keith Thomas KA4JAH, Richard Huebner W0RCY, Gary Miller WA4VMC, Mark Raysin KG4GVJ, Michael Pope K4OLD, Chuck Small KM4IVY, Ron Gregoire W4UDB, David Rotenberry K4DR, Carl Brown N4PAA, Neal Pruitt WD4LSS, Randy Tompson NC4RT, Bung Kim KO4LAK, Joe Waugh KO4MDE, Jim Sarfert NA4J, David Hunt KO4LJS, Kent Englebert K4HKE, Bill Patterson KD4RGB, Bill Maerkle N8CQD, Brian Harrison KN4R, Bruce Bailiff WB4QCM, Dale Mierisch WB9SZL, Scotty Howerton W4SHV, Jim Meek KN4UOP, Mark Scott K4MV, and Scott Newland.