

## Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club – 12 April 2021

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**1. Call to Order and Welcome:** The 12 April 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 46, for joining us this evening.

**2. Treasurer's Report:** Kent Englebert (WS4Z) gave a brief treasurers report. Our balance in the bank is \$5,073.61. No major expenses expected. Minor expenses for marketing materials.

**3. Repeater Report:** Dale Mierisch (WB9SZL) gave the testing and repeater report. The outdoor in-person testing on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> has been confirmed. The exam session will be from 1pm to 3:30pm at the Robinhood Baptist Church. Because of the limited capacity there will be no walk-ins. More information on the location and how to sign up on the w4nc.com website. Still some clean up to do from the ice storm including fallen trees and a broken fence. Multiple trips up to the .47 repeater location for maintenance, thank you to David KC4X and Mike W4MAV for assisting.

**4. Auxcomm/Ares:** Harlan Cobert (W1HRC) presented the Auxcomm report. There have been some big changes concerning the future of emergency communications in the state of North Carolina. The Auxcomm presentation has been slated for the May general meeting and will go over some of these changes. Auxcomm and amateur radio has traditionally been a secondary resource in emergency communications. Beginning the first of April, Auxcomm is now considered a primary asset and will be deployed alongside first communications response units. Tour to Tanglewood is planned to happen as normal this year, so please keep this in mind. As always, volunteers are needed for this event.

**5. Announcements:** Sam (NI4TG) took a moment to recognize guests and new members. The finance committee has completed an inventory of all club equipment. If anyone has anything at home that belongs to the club, please contact an officer. The board of directors has approved a membership survey to gauge interests in activities and satisfaction with the club as well as looking for comments or suggestions. "We want this club to be great, and we want to include everybody." The survey will go out via e-mail tomorrow the 13<sup>th</sup> of April.

**6. Amazon Smile:** Ken Kayser (K2KXX) gave a short presentation on the Amazon Smile program. Many people shop on Amazon and this is an easy way for the club to get extra funding. The program is now available on the smartphone app as well. A copy of Ken's presentation is available on the w4nc.com website.

**7. Program:** This month's program was by Steve Patterson (WA4RTC) on Auxiliary Radio Control.

**8. Adjournment of Meeting:** A motion was made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2030 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, 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, Jerry Minor K4GW, Richard Hall K7RLH, Andy Brinkley NC4AB, Marcia Thompson NC4MT, Bruce Thompson AD4ET, Doc Holliday WB4DOC, Judson Davis KG4OHQ, Bill Seward W4EXT, Steve Iltis KM4OCR, Nick Hunter W4NPH, David Nicholson N2AWE, Jim Atkins W4UX, Richard Huebner W0RCY, Gary Miller WA4VMC, Michael Pope K4OLD, Carl Brown N4PAA, Joe Waugh KO4MDE, Kent Englebert WS4Z, Bruce Bailiff WB4QCM, Dale Mierisch WB9SZL, Mark Scott K4MV, Bob Gusek NC4RG, David Ramsey W4OIL, Geoff Rudy KK4MOV, Van Key KC4WSK, John Vilburn WH6JV, Jim Meek KN4UOP, David Griffith WA4MKK, Steven Mierisch KG4JWU, Mark Stone KO4NOS, Nicole Cullison, and Glenn Chamberlin.