

NORTH FULTON AMATEUR RADIO LEAGUE

April 28, 2020

Regular Scheduled meeting X **MEETING HELD ONLINE ON ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL**

Special Session meeting

Board and Club Members present:

John Norris **N4IHV** President

Jim Kauffman **W4IU** Vice President

Martha Muir **W4MSA** Secretary

John Tramontais **N4TOL** Treasurer

Daryl Young **K4RGK** Past President

Wes Lambolely **W3WL** Membership Chair

Mike Riley **KN4OAK** Activities Chair

Mike Roden **W5JR** Repeaters Manager

Bill Cobb **K4YJJ** Webmaster

Steve Mays **KS4KJ** Media Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by John. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 quarantine, this meeting was held online using the club's Zoom video conference account.

Minutes

Copies of the February BoD meeting Minutes were distributed to the members of the BoD via email before on the day before the meeting and BoD members were asked to read over them before the meeting. Mike Riley made a motion to accept the Minutes. John TOL seconded that motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bylaws

NFARL Member Ian NV4C had sent all members of the BoD some concerns he had about the proposed revisions to the NFARL Bylaws. John N led the BoD through a discussion of his concerns.

Section 2.10 Ian asked 'Why must full members have an Amateur Radio license?' Wes and John TOL pointed out that this is in keeping with ARRL's membership policy; without a license, members can only be an associate member.

Section 2.20 Ian asked for guidelines for an applicant being rejected for membership. The BoD said to leave this section alone; some guidelines are covered in other sections of the Bylaws.

Section 2.31 Full membership requires a valid Amateur Radio license. The BoD confirmed this as stated in section 2.10.

Section 2.33 Youth membership. Youth membership extends to age 21, in keeping with ARRL's policy.

Section 2.34 Can anyone acquire Life Membership by paying 20 times the current yearly membership fee? Yes, confirmed John N.

A Life Membership is different than an Honorary Membership.

Section 3.30 BoD and EXCOM positions, if vacated during a year, may be filled by appointment by the president of NFARL. John N will adjust this section to reflect this.

Section 4.10 the moderator or a moderator? John N will adjust the bylaws to say 'a.' He will put an 'a' before moderator and webmaster in **Section 4.40**, too.

Section 4.50 Is the Immediate Past President a voting member of the BoD? Yes.

Section 4.80 The Audio-Visual Coordinator is a member of the EXCOM. This position is to be retitled as Media Coordinator.

Section 6.30 Leave this section alone to reflect that BoD members oversee the development of the club's budget.

Section 7.10 Amendments. Leave this section alone with 30 days notice and majority of members present at a called meeting.

Section 7.30 Add 'eligible' to the quorum requirements.

Section 8.11 The NFARL VE team is affiliated with NFARL but is not covered by the NFARL Bylaws.

There is some redundancy in **Sections 8.22, 8.23, 8.27, 8.30, and 5.30**. Leave these sections as they are. The same for **Sections 8.31 and 8.40**. Leave them as they are.

Ian did a good job with his comments and the BoD and EXCOM have considered each one.

Life Membership

Wes made a motion that badges be created for and presented to Life Members that reflect this level of membership and support of the club. Jim K seconded this motion which was adopted unanimously. John TOL will order the badges that Daryl designed.

eNews Editor

Mike Riley is still looking for someone to take on this role from him. Perhaps someone can start out as his 'associate' editor.

NFARL Reflector

Daryl suggested that Zoom passwords not be sent out via the Reflector.

We should leave the Reflector open for all to read but not to post without permission. There might be problems with using the NFARL Mart membership list to send out club info.

Wes is to be the official holder of the club membership list. Jim K will get membership info for him.

Treasurer's Report

John TOL sent his monthly report to the BoD earlier in the day. Jim K made a motion to approve his report. Mike Riley seconded his motion which was adopted unanimously.

Vice President's Report

Jim K said that Daryl has arranged for Bob Heil to be the speaker at the May club meeting.

Jim K also said that he is working on a system for folks to scan their badges to 'sign in' at club meetings. Such info will go directly into the club's database.

Activities Report

Mike Riley has arranged with Bill Cobb to put together a page on the club's website for updates about the plans for Field Day.

The survey that Mike put out about what to do with the plans for Islands activation day at Lake Lanier since the park is likely to still be closed in May resulted in most folks requesting that the activity simply be postponed to another date.

Membership Report

Wes has sorted through the available membership data. The club currently has 292 members. 187 are Full members and 63 are Family members. He has plans to talk to members who signed their spouses and/or children up for the Family membership to find out why.

Repeater Manager Report

Mike Roden said that maintenance visits to the repeaters have been impacted by the stay at home orders. He stated that MATPARC repeater equipment has been donated to NFARL.

Mike also said that the linking of repeaters cannot be done right now.

Webmaster Report

Bill Cobb reported that updating of the club's website is in the testing phase right now. Among other things, we are switching from PayPal to Stripe for payments in the Mart. This switch allows the club to sell HamJam tickets on the Mart.

There are expenses involved in making these changes. Daryl made a motion to approve the spending of \$1250 for the updates to the website plus \$650 a year in ongoing expenses for the website. Jim K seconded this motion which was approved unanimously.

Final Notes

John N will get with Steve Mays about NFARL social media plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 PM.