



# NARS Board Meeting Minutes March 18, 2022

Northwest Amateur Radio Society  
P.O. Box 11483  
Spring, TX 77391

## Board Attendance

✓ - In Attendance, X – Absent

| Board Voting Privileged Officers |                                   | Board Non-Voting Associate Members |  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| ✓                                | President: Ron Matusek, WA6TQH    | ✓                                  | Admin. Secretary: Neal Naumann, N5EN             |
| ✓                                | Vice President: Paul Kent, KI5FJS | ✓                                  | Social Media Liaison: Sam Labarbera, N6HB        |
| ✓                                | Treasurer: Tom Hoherd, KK5YU      | ✓                                  | Public Information Liaison: John Parmalee, K5VGM |
| ✓                                | Secretary: Brandon Rogers, K5BLR  | ✓                                  | Webmaster: Bill Buoy, N5BIA                      |
| ✓                                | Director: Rob Nixon, KD5BXZ       | ✓                                  | Repeater Team Lead: Marty Fitzgerald, W5MF       |
| ✓                                | Director: Kirc Breden, N5XJB      | ✓                                  | ARRL/VEC Liaison: Sheree Horton, WM5N            |
|                                  |                                   | X                                  | Repeater Trustee: Paul Owen, N5NXS               |

## Meeting Logistics

Meeting was held as an online session using special break-out room in ZOOM. Login info: 2815436502  
PC: 123456 Thank you to Walter Holmes for allowing us to use his account.

## Minutes

- I. Ron Matusek, President, WA6TQH called the meeting to order @ 6:04PM
- II. President's Opening Statements
  - a. Ron opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees
- III. Secretary's Report
  - a. The minutes from the last two Board Meetings – the Special Board Meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> and the regularly scheduled Board meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> – were made available to the members of the board.
  - b. After review, Kirc Breden, N5XJB, motioned to approve the minutes.
  - c. Bill Buoy, N5BIA, seconded the motion.
  - d. The minutes were accepted unanimously.
- IV. Treasurer's Report
  - a. The following report was presented to the board:  
[http://www.w5nc.club/doc\\_repos/financial/TreasurerReport\\_Feb2022.pdf](http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/financial/TreasurerReport_Feb2022.pdf)
  - b. Brandon Rogers, K5BLR, motioned to approve the Treasurer's report
  - c. Rob Nixon, KD5BXZ, seconded the motion.
  - d. Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.
- V. Administrative Secretary Report
  - a. The Administrative Secretary indicated that due renewal reminders had been sent to all members who were delinquent or coming up for renewal.
  - b. The current membership report is:

Membership Count: 164

ARRL members = 107

Non-members = 57

Total membership = 164

65 % of NARS members are also ARRL members

- c. Neal mentioned that it didn't seem like emails from the NARS membership email address were getting through, so he sent them from his personal email address.
- d. **DECISION: Board will send QSL cards to new licensees in the area to advertise about the club. Neal will organize.**

## VI. Reports of Standing Committees

- a. **Repeater Committee report – Marty W5MF (Lead Repeater Team Engineer)**
  - i. The repeater continues to work well and was a success for the Buffalo Bayou activity.
  - ii. Approximately 2 hours / week of usage
    - 1. **REPORT: New Mid-day ragchew net has not started.**
  - iii. Registration with the Repeater Frequency Coordinators has been completed.
  - iv. New Power supplies have been received; not yet installed
    - 1. **ACTION: Marty will get the repeater group together to get the power supplies installed**
- b. **ARRL/VEC Liaison – Sheree Horton WM5N – VE Session Results**
  - i. Will be a testing session on Saturday, - March 26, 2022 at the Klein Fire Department #3, Spring Texas in the Front Building
- c. **Field Day planning for June 2022 – Kirc Bredon N5XJB**
  - i. Getting some suggestions planned
    - 1. Food plan – Working food plan now
    - 2. Antenna captain (John Parmalee) discussions started about how to manage antenna for field days
      - a. A couple of Dipoles or a Beam Antenna
      - b. **REQUEST TO BOARD: The Field Day team requested approval for \$500 to procure an antenna for Field Day.**
        - i. Paul Kent, K15FJS, motioned for approval
        - ii. Tom Hoherd, KK5YU, seconded.
        - iii. Board approved the request funds unanimously
  - ii. Ron has requested a letter to request the usage of the facility for ARRL Field Day
  - iii. A reminder to the committees with the need to come with a proposal to the board for approval.
- d. **Weekly VHF Net Update – Neal N5EN**
  - i. Net has been going well, since the repeater has been updated - Average: 20 checkins per week
- e. **Weekly DMR Net Update – Sam N6HB**
  - i. Net is going well; Average 12-15 checkins
- f. **Update on Social sites – Sam N6HB**
  - i. 109 folks on Facebook
  - ii. 29 people have seen the twitter post since noon today

- VII. Old Business
  - a. Equipment Park sale. Need to plan a park outing for get together to sell off excess equipment and of course social family time – great food! Also, a good time to set up some “Park communications stations”. This also requires an inventory of equipment currently stored in the mobile trailer. Need to assign a coordinator for this activity.
    - i. Brandon leading, but won’t be able to be there that morning
      - 1. John Parmalee to take it and Brandon to help
      - 2. Needs insurance certificate and county names as insured.
    - ii. **ACTION: Brandon and John to finalize plans, request funding from board, and advertise in the newsletter by next board meeting.**
- VIII. New Business
  - a. Presentations & Activities:
    - i. April – Walter Holmes
    - ii. May – Ron will be covering off-grid power options
- IX. Special Topics
  - a. Paul – Volunteer needs for special projects
    - i. Day in a Park – John Parmalee and Brandon Rogers; needs 2-3 more volunteers
    - ii. Trailer – has 3 people need a couple more
      - 1. New Antennas to enhance the trailer - Got an idea for a loop antenna (using a design from John Portune) to build for the trailer
      - 2. Chairs
      - 3. Table
      - 4. Radios
  - b. Marty – new cheap radio
    - i. \$14 DMR radio; works great with a hotspot
    - ii. Suggestion that we could give these away every month, raffle or to new licensees
- X. **MOVE TO CLOSE & DISMISS**
  - a. Brandon Moved to close the meeting
  - b. Paul Kent seconded the motion.
  - c. The Board meeting was closed at 7:02pm