



NARS Board Meeting Minutes August 12, 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 | |
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| ✓ | President: Ron Matussek, WA6TQH | X | Admin. Secretary: Neal Naumann, N5EN |
| ✓ | Vice President: Paul Kent, KI5FJS | ✓ | Social Media Liaison: Sam Labarbera, N6HB |
| ✓ | Treasurer: Tom Hoherd, KK5YU | X | Public Information Liaison: Sheree Horton, WM5N |
| ✓ | Secretary: Brandon Rogers, K5BLR | X | Webmaster: Bill Buoy, N5BIA |
| X | Director: Rob Nixon, KD5BXZ | X | Repeater Team Lead: Marty Fitzgerald, W5MF |
| X | Director: Kirc Breden, N5XJB | X | ARRL/VEC Liaison: Sheree Horton, WM5N |
| | | X | Repeater Trustee: Paul Owen, N5NXS |

Meeting Logistics

Meeting was in person at Klein Fire Station #3 starting at 6:30pm on August 12th, 2022.

Minutes

- I. Ron Matussek, President, WA6TQH called the meeting to order @ 6:38PM
 - a. Official Welcome
 - b. Ron introduced the topic for the next General meeting on August 19, 2022. The topic will include a virtual tour of the Titan Missile Silo. Friends and family are invited to attend as well.

- II. Secretary's Report
 - a. The minutes were reviewed from the previous Board Meeting on July 8th, 2022.
 - b. After review, Paul motioned to approve the minutes.
 - i. Tom seconded the motion.
 - ii. The minutes were approved.

- III. Treasurer's Report
 - a. The following financial reports were presented to the board:

http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/financial/TreasurerReport_July2022.pdf
 - b. Tom paid Groups.io annual bill with PayPal. Pulled money directly from the bank account, even though there was a balance in PayPal.
 - c. Brandon motioned to approve the Treasurer's report.
 - i. Paul seconded the motion.
 - ii. Treasurer's report was approved.

- IV. 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:

ARRL members = 109
Non-members = 46
Total membership = 155

70 % of NARS members are also ARRL members

V. Reports of Standing Committees

- a. **Repeater Committee**– Marty W5MF (Lead Repeater Team Engineer)

- i. Marty could not attend, but Ron shared the following about the repeaters:

1. The link between the VHF/UHF repeaters is down.
2. Everything is working (EchoLink, etc), they are just not linked
3. In the meantime, all Nets may need to connect directly to VHF *or* EchoLink
4. Both machines are exhibiting some types of noise; refer observations to Marty

- b. **ARRL/VEC Liaison** – Sheree Horton WM5N – VE Session Results

- i. Sheree provided these results from the July VE Session:

http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/meeting_minutes/2022/VE%20Session%20Reports/VE%20Session%20Report_20220723.pdf

August 27th – One applicant has currently indicated interest; Full VE team assembled

- c. **Weekly VHF Net Update** – Neal N5EN - Not in attendance

- d. **Weekly DMR Net Update** – Sam N6HB

- i. Net attendance has been strong; 17 checkins this week
- ii. Last net was very good; went until about 7:30pm
- iii. SUGGESTION: Newsletter splash for DMR/Get on the radio

- e. Walter provided an update on some work going on for DMR on Seabridge and South Texas Repeaters

VI. Old Business

- a. Trailer Project – Tires for the trailer. Bearings have been fixed, electrical is complete. Tires are not cheap anymore. 3 tires and 1 wheel will cost about \$450
 - i. Some discussion amongst the board on potential upcoming costs. Repeater repair costs might come up. The GM300 should be under \$100. Power supplies already purchased.
 - ii. Paul is requesting \$450 to be spent on a wheel and tires for the trailer
 - iii. Sam motioned that the board approve the request
 - iv. Tom seconded the motion.
 - v. Board Members approved the motion.
- b. ARRL Foundation Grant – No updates. We have an entry, but no decision yet.
- c. Sheree Horton will temporarily assume “Public Information Liaison” responsibilities.

- i. Sheree accepted the role.
 - d. Social Media
 - i. QUESTION: Should we allow folks that are not NARS members but are licensed?
 - ii. After a small amount of discussion, it was agreed that non-club members are allowed to be part of the social media groups.
 - iii. Sam also requested another moderator for the social media accounts
 - 1. Brandon indicated that he can help, but it would be nice to encourage more broad involvement in the club as well.

VII. New Business

- a. Sheree described the youth discount program offered by the ARRL; \$5 would be collected by the ARRL for the exam and the ARRL would pay for the rest of the license fees to the FCC.
 - i. Should the club also provide a youth discount for club membership? (\$5)
 - 1. The discount would be in effect for the same timeframe as the ARRL program
 - 2. Youth (individuals under 18 years old) would qualify for the discounted fee.
 - 3. Can not be combined with any other offer (i.e. if a youth joins the club as part of a family with discounted club fees, then the youth would not be eligible for the \$5 fee discount)
 - ii. Brandon motioned to approve the \$5 discounted club fees for youth as described above.
 - 1. Tom seconded the motion
 - 2. Board approved the motion.
 - 3. ACTIONS
 - a. Sheree will review the membership brochure
 - b. Brandon will adjust the newsletter accordingly (and perhaps make an article announcing the program). Brandon will also work with Bill for Website & Newsletter

VIII. Question on dues and payment – when do the dues take effect... is it calendar year or based on membership anniversary with the club.

- a. Clarification was that it was from anniversary to anniversary.

IX. **MOVE TO CLOSE & DISMISS**

- a. Brandon moved to close the meeting.
- b. Seconded by Tom
- c. Meeting adjourned @7:29pm