



NARS Board Meeting Minutes October 14, 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	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	✓	Webmaster: Bill Buoy, N5BIA
✓	Director: Rob Nixon, KD5BXZ	✓	Repeater Team Lead: Marty Fitzgerald, W5MF
✓	Director: Kirc Breden, N5XJB	X	ARRL/VEC Liaison: Sheree Horton, WM5N
		✓	Repeater Trustee: Paul Owen, N5NXS

Meeting Logistics

Meeting was in person at Klein Fire Station #3 starting at 6:30pm on October 14th, 2022.

Minutes

- I. Ron Matusek, President, WA6TQH called the meeting to order @ 6:30 PM
 - a. Official Welcome
 - b. General meeting this month is:
 - i. “VAR-AC by Walter Holmes K5WH”
 - ii. “Evolution of the Hotspot” by Ron Matusek WA6TQH

- II. Secretary’s Report
 - a. The minutes were reviewed from the previous Board Meeting on August 12th, 2022.

http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/meeting_minutes/2022/BoardMeeting_20220812.pdf
 - b. After review, Kirc 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_August2022.pdf
http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/financial/TreasurerReport_Sept2022.pdf

- 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 = 106
Non-members = 45
Total membership = 151

70 % of NARS members are also ARRL members

V. Reports of Standing Committees

- a. **Repeater Committee**– Marty W5MF (Lead Repeater Team Engineer)
 - i. Discussion around switching the controller from the downtown repeater to the Klein repeater. This would help to provide additional accessibility in switching the tones to allow linkages between the downtown and Galleria repeaters. Marty is completing some testing and will provide a plan to the board.
 - ii. Some noise and issues observed this month. Marty working through the issues on VHF (146.66)

- b. **ARRL/VEC Liaison** – Sheree Horton WM5N – VE Session Results
 - i. Sheree provided these results from the September VE Session:

http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/meeting_minutes/2022/VE%20Session%20Reports/VE%20Session%20Report_20220924.pdf

New testing computers worked well for the test session.

- c. **Weekly VHF Net Update** – Neal N5EN
 - i. 15-16 individuals still attending
- d. **Weekly DMR Net Update** – Sam N6HB
 - i. 12-13 attendance for DMR Net
- e. **Update on Sociate sites** – Sam N6HB
 - i. Twitter – not a lot of local activity, but publishing for publicity
 - ii. Facebook – consistent requests to join

VI. Old Business

- a. Trailer Project – Paul Kent, K15FJS
 - i. No change
- b. ARRL Foundation Grant – Paul Kent, K15FJS
 - i. Second round – Paul is aware and planning on working it
 - ii. Suggestion that if there are members with grant writing experience, it would be good to get some help.

VII. New Business

- a. Need a director-volunteer to plan general meeting presentations for remainder of this year.
- b. NARS Officer elections in November. See requirements in Newsletter and eMail via groups.io. Voting via ZOOM.
- c. 80m net on 3.806 MHz – should we host one?
 - i. We used to host an 80m net, but we not a lot of participants

- ii. Already going on... Monday nights
 - iii. Kirc was thinking about starting a digital 80m net on Olivia
- d. December Meeting – “Show & Tell”
- e. Planning & reservation for Annual NARS Banquet to be held in January.
 - i. Rob Nixon will work reservations for the NARS Banquet (Recommendation to work with Valley Ranch BBQ, the same as last year)
- f. Two new procedures were reviewed with the Board: 1) Requests to use the club callsign, W5NC; 2) Requests to use the club repeaters
 - i. The final procedures were reviewed in detail.
 - ii. Kirc motioned to hold a vote on approving the procedures for club use
 - 1. Brandon provided a second to the motion
 - 2. Motion to vote on procedures passed.
 - iii. Brandon motioned to approve the procedures as reviewed and written in the document (see attached below)
 - 1. Kirc offered a second to the motion.
 - 2. The board approved both procedures as written.

[http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/meeting_minutes/2022/Other%20Files/Callsign Repeater Process FINAL.pdf](http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/meeting_minutes/2022/Other%20Files/Callsign_Repeater_Process_FINAL.pdf)

Note: these procedures will be reviewed at an upcoming General Meeting, included in the newsletter, and posted on the website.

- g. Ron recently discovered that the meeting room, used for Board meetings, had more availability than previously understood and motioned to re-adjust the Board meeting to before the General Meeting. The board meeting will be held in the meeting room in the main building, while the General Meeting will continue to be held in the Training Facility.
 - i. Board agreed with the proposal
 - ii. Next Board Meeting will be November 18th, just before the Board Meeting, in the Fire Station main building.

VIII. **MOVE TO CLOSE & DISMISS**

- a. Brandon moved to close the meeting.
- b. Seconded by Paul Kent
- c. Meeting adjourned @7:45pm