



NARS Board Meeting Minutes November 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 Matussek, WA6TQH	✓	Admin. Secretary: Neal Naumann, N5EN
✓	Vice President: Paul Kent, KI5FJS	✓	Social Media Liaison: Sam Labarbera, N6HB
✓	Treasurer: Tom Hoherd, KK5YU	✓	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	✓	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 November 18th, 2022.

Minutes

- I. Ron Matussek, President, WA6TQH called the meeting to order @ 6:08 PM
 - a. Official Welcome
 - i. Reminder about change in Board Meeting date/time
 - b. General meeting this month is:
 - i. Elections
 - ii. Bill will present about radio installations and automotive electrical systems

- 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_20221014.pdf
 - b. After review, Paul Kent motioned to approve the minutes.
 - i. Kirc Breden 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_Oct2022.pdf
 - b. Paul Kent mentioned that the report showed donations to the club and called out the line item for the detailed design for the trailer wrap
 - i. We are approaching the trailer in a phased implementation to trailer project and maintaining a "flat" balance on club account.

- c. Kirc Breden motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report.
 - i. Brandon Rogers seconded the motion
 - ii. Motion 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 = 107

Non-members = 43

Total membership = 150

71 % of NARS members are also ARRL members

V. Reports of Standing Committees

- a. **Repeater Committee**— Marty W5MF (Lead Repeater Team Engineer)
 - i. The Allstar and Echolink have been struggling lately, so I replaced some hardware with some equipment that the club already owned and a VOIP device that I was evaluating.
 - ii. We are still using a Raspberry Pi running software and same power supply. The radio is still running on my coax and antenna at my home so far.
 - iii. The VOIP device is now a DINAH (see below) and NARS Yaesu FT8800 (see below). The change has seemed very positive so far and seem more stable. The FT8800 remote base is a dual band radio, so we can run it on 444.375 or 146.66. Currently it is on 444.375, but can be easily switched with a touch of a button.
 - iv. Next Repeater Committee meeting is not yet planned
- 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_20221022.pdf
- c. **Weekly VHF Net Update** – Neal N5EN
 - i. Approximately 20 per week attending
 - ii. **ACTION: Kirc volunteered to run a Net Control training, including NetLogger training**
 - 1. Paul suggested that the training is opened to the club membership
 - 2. Kirc will set up a Zoom training
 - iii. Ron suggested a session to train the general membership on:
 - 1. Repeater use
 - 2. Net etiquette (how to give back to Net Control)
- d. **Weekly DMR Net Update** – Sam N6HB
 - i. 9-12 participants
 - ii. Good group of Net Control operators

- 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. First payment for detailed design of the wrap is complete
- b. ARRL Foundation Grant – Paul Kent, K15FJS
 - i. Second round – Submitted November 3, 2022 and waiting for decision
- c. December is Show and Tell – Bring your projects!
- d. NARS Banquet – January 20th, 2023
 - i. Reservation for Valley Ranch BBQ has been completed

VII. New Business

- a. Confirmation Vote: Mike Pate K5MAP appointed to position of “Assistant Repeater Team Lead”
 - i. Paul motioned to approve the appointment.
 - 1. Brandon seconded the motion.
 - 2. The Board approved.
- b. Ham of the Year Award to be presented at Awards Banquet.
 - i. Submit confidential recommendations to Sheree WM5N.
- c. Preparation of Awards Banquet “Program Flyer” to be given to the club
- d. NARS to hold Winter Field Day, January 28th, 2023; VE session to be held that morning
 - i. Tabled until next meeting
- e. NARS VE session dates for 2023 be on the Saturday after the 3rd Friday’s General Meeting (*exceptions)
 - January 21 (if not having Winter Field Day)
OR
*January 28 (4th Saturday – Winter Field Day)
 - *February 11 (2nd Saturday – 18th CERT Rodeo, 25th Orange Hamfest)
 - March 18
 - April 22
 - May 20
 - *June 24 (4th Saturday – Field Day)
 - July 22
 - August 19
 - September 16
 - October 21
 - November 18
 - December 16
 - i. Tabled until discussion can be had with the Fire Department
- f. Request for NARS to sponsor remote VE testing sessions (not face-to-face)
 - i. Tabled until next meeting

VIII. **MOVE TO CLOSE & DISMISS**

- a. Paul Kent moved to close the meeting.
- b. Seconded by Kirc Breden
- c. Meeting adjourned @7:00pm