



NARS Board Meeting Minutes February 17, 2023

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	
X	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: Rich Jones, W5VEK	✓	Repeater Team Lead: Marty Fitzgerald, W5MF
✓	Director: Sam Labarbera, N6HB	✓	ARRL/VEC Liaison: Sheree Horton, WM5N
		✓	Repeater Trustee: Paul Owen, N5NXS

Meeting Logistics

Meeting was in person at Klein Fire Station #3 starting at 6:00pm on February 17, 2022.

Minutes

- I. On behalf of Ron Matussek, WA6TQH, Paul Kent KI5FJS will call the meeting to order.
 - a. Official welcome
 - b. All future board meetings will be same day as general meeting the third Friday of the month.
 - c. Opening comments:
 - i. Field Day Coordinator Needed
 - ii. Special Board Meeting for donations from Dave Revere WB5AYU and Tom Smith N6AMA, Storage Locker and disposition pending full inventory.
- II. Secretary's Report
 - a. The minutes were reviewed from the previous Board Meeting on December 12th, 2022.

http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/meeting_minutes/2022/BoardMeeting_20221216.pdf
 - b. After review, Tom Hoherd motioned to approve the minutes.
 - i. Rich Jones 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_Dec2022.pdf
 - http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/financial/TreasurerReport_Jan2023.pdf
 - b. Brandon Rogers motioned to approve the minutes.

- c. Paul Kent seconded the motion.
- d. Treasurer's report approved by board.

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 = 119
Non-members = 41
Total membership = 160

74 % of NARS members are also ARRL members

- c. Discussion of co-termination of membership dues
 - i. Neal does not recommend the co-termination of dues
 - ii. Marty also agrees that keeping a 12 month (not co-terminated) would be easier
 - iii. Rich described that dues being collected once per year would help the club:
 - 1. By helping to know about their financial situation for the year
 - 2. It would be clear when dues for all are expected
 - 3. If someone joins in November, they need to pay membership in November *and* January
 - iv. Sam indicated that collecting twice within several months (example described above) would be insulting to membership. Suggestion to keep it as is.
 - v. Sheree
 - 1. The due date for membership can be found on the website and would be an excellent "call-out" box in the newsletter.
 - 2. Suggest that a decision is made at the next meeting to allow the board to consider the discussion
 - 3. Review the data to understand if there is a significant impact to adjusting fee schedule.
 - vi. Sam suggests we take a vote
 - 1. Paul motion to vote
 - 2. Tom seconded the motion
 - 3. Results of the Vote:
 - a. For: 4
 - b. Against: 1
 - 4. The due schedule will remain the same.

V. Reports of Standing Committees

- a. **Repeater Committee**— Marty W5MF (Lead Repeater Team Engineer)
 - i. Mike Pate was offered (on loan to NARS) a D-Star system 2m, 70cm, 1.2gig. All equipment provided, except coax and antennas
 - 1. Call sign would be KB2WF Allen
 - 2. Needs to be on the north side of town
 - 3. Need to find a location
 - 4. D-Star only

- 5. No cost to the club and ownership of equipment would be KB2WF
- 6. Proposals
 - a. Use existing Gregson (AT&T) tower for the next year.
 - b. Wait a year and use Klein FS Station 8 tower (after NARS moves to new Gregson tower)
 - c. Use Tomball Tower (100ft) recently acquired by NARS
- ii. Also talked about NARS future planning. Possibility of moving station 8 uhf repeater to new Gregson in a year or so with controller, repeater, link to downtown, and allstar/echolink at that site.
- b. **ARRL/VEC Liaison** – Sheree Horton WM5N – VE Session Results
 - i. Sheree provided these results from the February VE Session: http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/meeting_minutes/2023/VE%20Session%20Reports/VE%20Session%20Report_20230211.pdf
 - ii. Paul Own donated a laptop to the VE team and will be provided as soon as loading is complete.
- c. **Weekly VHF Net Update** – Kirc Breden
 - i. Anticipated handing off at the end of the year, but Neal’s antennae are down and Kirc agreed to take over as Net Control Operator for this net
- d. **Weekly DMR Net Update** – Sam N6HB
 - i. DMR is going well
- e. **Update on Sociate sites** – Sam N6HB
 - i. All good, allowing folks with call signs and know the rules in and encouraging them to join the club.
 - ii. About 140+ members on Facebook
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Update on non-profit review, 501 c3 organization – Tom Hoherd, KK5YU
 - i. The board discussed advantages of the 501 c3 status and we’ll continue to pursue.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Complete Facility usage reservation documents – Yr-2023 – Ron Matusek
 - i. Paul and Sheree are working the VE sessions schedule
 - b. Complete review and approve Repeater Tower Agreement KFD District #7
 - i. Mike Pate & NARS Board – Ron has signed this document, awaiting Mike for status update
 - c. NARS “Field Day” planning
 - i. A coordinator is needed... Will call out the announcements at the general meeting for volunteers
 - d. Membership fees
 - i. Discussion on this topic was completed as part of the discussion for the Administrative Secretary Report. Please see section above for details.

- e. Bill Buoy notified the board that the CMS software currently in use will be out of support this year. An effort is underway to upgrade the website. Further reviews and discussions will be made available, when ready.

VIII. **MOVE TO CLOSE & DISMISS**

- a. Tom moved to close the meeting.
- b. Brandon offered a second to the motion.
- c. Meeting adjourned @7:01pm