



NARS Board Meeting Minutes May 19, 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	
✓	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	✓	Webmaster: Bill Buoy, N5BIA
✓	Director: Rich Jones, W5VEK	✓	Repeater Team Lead: Marty Fitzgerald, W5MF
✓	Director: Sam Labarbera, N6HB	X	ARRL/VEC Liaison: Sheree Horton, WM5N
		✓	Repeater Trustee: Paul Owen, N5NXS

Other Attendees

Robert Ewers, K9HOU, Field Day Lead

Meeting Logistics

Meeting was in person at HCESD 16 Admin – 18606 Stuebner Airline 77379 starting at 6:01pm on April 21, 2023.

Minutes

- I. Ron Matussek, WA6TQH, welcomed the attendees and called 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.
- II. Secretary's Report
 - a. The minutes were reviewed from the previous Board Meeting on April 21, 2023.

http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/meeting_minutes/2023/BoardMeeting_20230421.pdf

- b. After review, Paul Kent motioned to approve the minutes.
 - i. Tom Hoherd provided a second to the motion.
 - ii. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

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

http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/financial/TreasurerReport_May2023.pdf

- b. Payment for club insurance is ongoing. ARRL form is pending and Tom will be managing the payment and renewal of the insurance.
- c. Brandon Rogers motioned to approve the minutes.
- d. Paul Kent provided a second to the motion.
- e. Treasurer's report approved by unanimous vote.

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 = 117
 Non-members = 37
 Total membership = 154

V. Reports of Standing Committees

- a. **Repeater Committee**– Marty W5MF (Lead Repeater Team Engineer)
 - i. General Report
 - 1. Getting reports that there is another repeater on 146.66 or voices on simplex on the same frequency
 - 2. Thursday Traffic Net has moved to 147.000 but would like to continue including the NARS repeater as a backup
 - 3. Getting about 5-6 hours of usage on the repeater
 - 4. Status on an effort to link the repeaters via RF to DMR
 - a. Hoping to link Seabridge repeaters with Brandmeister
 - b. Will allow DMR net to work via RF in addition to the existing hotspot capability
 - 5. Codes that the public can use on the repeater:
 - a. 987A, Listen to the word "Ready" and record your message
 - b. 987B Playback your message

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

http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/meeting_minutes/2023/VE%20Session%20Reports/VE%20Session%20Report_20230422.pdf

- c. **Weekly VHF Net Update** – Kirc Breden
 - i. No Report

- d. **Weekly DMR Net Update** – Sam N6HB
 - i. DMR Net continuing to be succesful
- e. **Update on Social sites** – Sam N6HB
 - i. We currently have 149 Facebook members
 - ii. No new activity on Twitter but I do plan to send a Field Day invite via Twitter.
 - iii. Would like to see more activity by club members on Facebook and Twitter

VI. Old Business

- a. Update on non-profit review, 501 c3 organization – Paul Kent – KI5FJS
 - i. We have a state certification as a non-profit for the state certification
 - ii. Still need to complete federal requirements
- b. Update on Trailer project i.e. wrap design complete, moving into Phase II, internal build out – Paul Kent – KI5FJS
 - i. Presentation will be done tonight – defer to General Meeting
- c. Meeting Schedule – Presentation, discussions, suggestions – Going forward each board member on a rotating basis will be responsible for establishing General Meeting presentations.
 - i. Looks good. Some changes required
 - ii. Should only include Board voting members + Administrative Secretary + Repeater Trustee
- d. Plans to sell off donated equipment – Paul Kent KI5FJS.
 - i. Working on getting the auction set up

VII. New Business

- a. Field Day Location Changed
 - i. Army has need of Station 3 for a training exercise
 - ii. Will move to new administration building
 - iii. Plans ongoing to organize best locations for radios and antenna, a walkabout will be completed prior to the general meeting. PK provided site layout drawings with dimensions to the two towers. Paul Owens volunteered to convert to AutoCAD

VIII. **MOVE TO CLOSE & DISMISS**

- a. Brandon Rogers moved to close the meeting.
- b. Paul Kent offered a second to the motion.
- c. Meeting adjourned @ 6:39pm