



NARS Board Meeting Minutes July 21, 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 Matusek, WA6TQH	✓	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

Meeting Logistics

Meeting was in person at HCESD 16 Admin – 18606 Stuebner Airline 77379 starting at 6:14pm on July 21, 2023.

Minutes

- I. Ron Matusek, 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.
 - c. All future V.E. test sessions will be moved from Station #3 to HCESD 16 Admin.
- II. Secretary's Report
 - a. The minutes were reviewed from the previous Board Meeting on June 16, 2023.

http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/meeting_minutes/2023/BoardMeeting_20230616.pdf
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - a. The following financial reports were presented to the board:

http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/financial/TreasurerReport_July2023.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 = 119

Non-members = 36

Total membership = 155

77 % of NARS members are also ARRL members

- c. **ACTION:** Review the capability of the website to automatically direct applicants to PayPal to pay dues after application is submitted.

V. Reports of Standing Committees

- a. **Repeater Committee**– Marty W5MF (Lead Repeater Team Engineer)
 - i. Repeater committee will wait until weather cools to work on equipment
 - ii. 7 hrs. 41 minutes of use on the NARS repeater system
- b. **ARRL/VEC Liaison** – Sheree Horton WM5N – VE Session Results
 - i. Sheree provided these results from the June VE Session:

http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/meeting_minutes/2023/VE%20Session%20Reports/VE%20Session%20Report_20230624.pdf

- c. **Weekly VHF Net Update** – Kirc Breden
 - i. 18 check-ins per week for the last month

VI. Old Business

- a. 501c. Update
 - i. Rich Jones provided a report on the status of this work
 - ii. Federal application for FEIN will be done next week
 - iii. Will turn in the letter from Texas state about being subject to State Tax
- b. Next Steps in upgrading our NARS mobile trailer.
 - i. Trailer has been put on hold due to the weather and heat-related safety concerns
 - ii. Has reviewed options for insulation and cooling
 - iii. Trailer was broken into at the Fire Station
 - 1. Board will review the trailer and see what may have been lost
- c. General meeting discussions, suggestions – Going forward each board member on a rotating basis will be responsible for establishing General Meeting presentations. Brandon prepared a rotation list of assignments.

Month	Coordinator	Coordinator (Individual)
January	Club Banquet	
February	Secretary	Brandon Rogers
March	Director	Rich Jones
April	President	Ron Matusek
May	Repeater Trustee	Paul Owen
June	Field Day Planning	
July	Director	Sam Labarbera
August	Vice President	Paul Kent
September	Treasurer	Tom Hoherd
October	Administrative Secretary	Neal Naumann
November	President	Ron Matusek
December	Show & Tell	

- d. Plans to sell off donated equipment – Paul Kent KI5FJS
 - i. Review auction houses to see equipment for us
 - 1. Auction house requires club to ship equipment up to Oklahoma to auction off
 - 2. For the auction house to collect the equipment, the value of the equipment must be over \$20k
 - 3. Auction house doesn't feel like a great option
 - ii. Other options being considered
 - 1. Reduce price by 20%-40% and see if club members would be interested
 - 2. Post items for sale online
 - 3. Post on Facebook page for getting the information out
 - iii. Paul will put together an inventory of items

VII. New Business

- a. Field Day Coordinator – Recognition and Gift (General Meeting)
- b. Appointment for Director Position (Remainder of current term)
 - i. Sam has submitted letter of resignation as Director, but will continue as Social Media Lead
 - ii. Jerry Davis, N5EKO will assume director position for the remainder of Sam's term
- c. Appointment for DMR Net Control – Michael Lizzio
- d. General Meeting – Recap of Field Day Event
 - i. Lessons learned from Field Day
 - ii. A Presentation will be given by Bob
- e. Paul Owen - Section directory gave the club a lot of ARRL books

VIII. **MOVE TO CLOSE & DISMISS**

- a. Tom moved to close the meeting.
- b. Paul offered a second to the motion.
- c. Meeting adjourned @ 7:00pm