



NARS Board Meeting Minutes April 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 Matusek, WA6TQH	X	Admin. Secretary: Neal Naumann, N5EN
✓	Vice President: Paul Kent, KI5FJS	X	Social Media Liaison: Sam Labarbera, N6HB
✓	Treasurer: Tom Hoherd, KK5YU	X	Public Information Liaison: Sheree Horton, WM5N
✓	Secretary: Brandon Rogers, K5BLR	X	Webmaster: Bill Buoy, N5BIA
✓	Director: Rich Jones, W5VEK	X	Repeater Team Lead: Mike Pate, K5MAP
X	Director: TBN	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 6:06pm on March 15, 2023.

Minutes

- I. Ron Matusek, WA6TQH, welcomed the attendees and called the meeting to order.
 - a. Official welcome – Recognition of visiting members.
 - b. Overview of board meeting process rules.
 - c. General Meeting Presentation – Gorden West WB6NOA will be presenting via zoom a discussion on tropospheric ducting, long range on VHF and UHF!
 - d. Opening – “Public Information Officer” effective January 2024
 - i. See By-Laws for position description.
 - e. Opening – “Director” effective January 2024
 - i. See By-Laws for position description.

Public Comments

- Individuals who are **non-voting** board members will be allocated three minutes to share material you would like the Board to consider or items you would like to present to the Board.

II. Secretary’s Report

- a. The minutes were reviewed from the previous Board Meeting on March 15, 2024: http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/meeting_minutes/2024/BoardMeeting_20240315.pdf
- b. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting
 - i. Paul Kent motioned to accept the Secretary’s Report/Minutes
 - ii. Rich Jones offered a second to the motion
 - iii. The motion passed

- b. All minutes are posted so that all members can access them on the Club Document Repository at http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/meeting_minutes/

III. Treasurer's Report

- a. The following financial reports were presented to the board:
http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/financial/TreasurerReport_Mar2024.pdf
- b. Questions
 - i. Paul Kent – Has Mike let anyone know about the additional OpEx for the Cell Services required by the repeater system.
 - 1. Answer is no.
- c. Approval
 - i. Rich Jones motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report
 - ii. Paul Kent offered a second to the motion
 - iii. The motion passed

IV. Administrative Secretary Report

- a. The current membership report is:

ARRL members = 107
Non-members = 42
Total membership = 149

72 % of NARS members are also ARRL members

3 new members this month:

- *Adam Grant KJ5FRP*
- *Martin Deutsch KJ5FEH*
- *Robert Beauchamp KJ5EUV*

V. Reports of Standing Committees

- a. **Repeater Committee**– Mike Pate
 - i. Mike Pate was not in attendance. Rich Jones to provide details
 - ii. New VHF Repeater that we are going to put down at the Galleria has been running here for test and been running well. Will be installed soon.
- b. **ARRL/VEC Liaison** – Sheree Horton WM5N – VE Session Results
 - i. Since the last testing session was held on March 9th, which was before the previous Board meeting, no testing sessions have been held since the last Board meeting. The next testing session will occur one day after the Board meeting on April 20, 2024.
 - ii. For reference, the following are the results from the March VE Session:
http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/meeting_minutes/2024/VE%20Session%20Reports/VE%20Session%20Report_20240309.pdf

- c. **Weekly VHF / DMR Net Update – Mike**
 - i. Both of the Nets this past week went very well.
 - ii. Each Net Control will now take both nets in one week.
 - iii. Participation this week was very strong
 - iv. There is still a bit of noise on the 66 Repeater, although it has gotten much better
- d. **Social – Sam Labarbera**
 - i. Sam provided the following report via email:
 - 1. 173 members on Facebook

VI. Old Business

- a. Next Steps in upgrading our NARS mobile trailer. – Paul Kent KI5FJS
 - i. Several concepts for the trailer
 - ii. Before committing to anything with the trailer, we need to understand the funds that might be available for the projects.
 - iii. When the repeater activity settles down, we will choose a plan with a budget and bring to the board for review
- b. Plans to sell off donated equipment – Paul Kent KI5FJS. – ONGOING
 - iv. We've sold over \$1000 worth of equipment.
 - v. Need to revise the inventory list
 - vi. Considering (swap meet type) sale in the next couple of months at Admin ESD#16 – Need coordinator for this event - Rich Jones
 - 1. A bit on the back burner due to Field Day
 - 2. We will need to coordinate with the Fire Chief; Rich is handling
- b. Field Day - Paul Owen N5NXS our Field Day coordinator – provide update on planning activities.
 - i. Radios are identified and locked in
 - ii. Coax is being finalized
 - iii. Antennas for all bands to be used will ready and arranged. Will adjust the direction of the beams throughout the weekend
 - iv. Sign ups will be going around for volunteers for set up and take down and other positions
 - v. Handouts – We can have a number of handouts for visitors
 - 1. Print 10-15 copies of the newsletter for handouts
 - 2. QSL cards
 - 3. Any club brochures
 - vi. There will be greeters and sign in sheets for the Operators and Guests

VII. New Business

- a. Encourage donations under 501(c)(3); Rich Jones W5VEK presented a form that retailers will require to purchase items using the Club 501c tax exemption – need Board vote to approve.
 - i. We have an approved receipt for donations provided by Paul Kent
- b. Rich Jones – Discussed getting a computer and camera for our general meetings to be able to provide a streaming option (Zoom).
 - i. Ron has a laptop that can be donated to the club

VIII. Closing Remarks – Ron encourages all NARS members to have badges and to wear them on Field Day

IX. **MOVE TO CLOSE & DISMISS**

- a. Paul Kent moved to close the meeting.
- b. Rich Jones offered a second to the motion.
- c. Meeting adjourned @ 6:44pm