

Board Attendance

✓ - In Attendance, ✗ – Absent

Voting Board Members		Non-Voting Commity 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		Public Information Liaison: TBD
✗	Secretary: Brandon Rogers, K5BLR	✓	Webmaster: Bill Buoy, N5BIA
✓	Director: Rich Jones, W5VEK	✓	Repeater Team Lead: Rich Jones, V5VEK
	Director: TBD	✗	ARRL/VEC Liaison: Sheree Horton, WM5N
		✗	Repeater Trustee: Paul Owen, N5NXS

Meeting Logistics

Meeting was held at Harris County ESD 16 located at 18606 Stuebner Airline Rd, Spring Texas and started at 6:00pm on September 20, 2024.

Minutes

- President's Opening Comments
 - Ron Matusek, WA6TQH, welcomed the attendees and called the meeting to order.
 - Several Board Positions are still open:
 - "Director" Position still open, effective January 2024. See By-Laws for position description. See ByLaws for position description
 - "Public Information Officer" position still open, effective January 2024. See ByLaws for position description
 - "Lead Net Control" Position became open the week before the Board Meeting.
 - General Meeting Presentation – "Alternative Emergency Power, Part 2" by Ron Matusek, WA6TQH & Paul Kent, KI5FJS
- Public Visitors and Comments
 - Individuals, who are **non-voting** Board members, will be allocated three minutes to present materials they wish to share with the Board. The Board may consider these items however, the Board might now act on said comments or items without further deliberation. **Please make arrangements prior to the Board meeting to be included in the agenda.**
- Secretary's Report – Paul Kent, KI5FJS
 - Meeting minutes for August 16, 2024 were reviewed, no comments were noted. A motion to accept the meeting minutes was raised and approved by the Board.
 - Neal Neumann, N5EN, is assigned to organized the General Meeting presentation for October per the Schedule below.

Month	Coordinating Position
January	
February	Secretary
March	Director
April	President
May	Repeater Trustee
June	Fi

- 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/
- Treasurer's Report – Tom Hoherd, KK5YU
 - The following financial reports were presented to the board:
http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/financial/TreasurerReport_August2024.pdf
 - Sheree Horton requested a way to send a donation to the club online, via electronic payment. Suggestion: The existing payment methods should be used via a donation menu on the main/home page of W5NC.club.
 - **ACTION:** Bill Buoy will make an assessment on adding a Donation Only link/button to the website.
 - Bank Card: Tom has talked with the bank and requested a Club "credit card", the card is in the mail.
 - A Donation was received in the amount of \$500. Tom will deposit next week.
 - Approval
 - Paul Kent, KI5FJS motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report
 - Rich Jones, W5VEK offered a second to the motion
 - The motion passed

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **Administrative Secretary Report:** Neal Neumann, N5EN

NARS Membership Statistics

Total Membership: 151

Membership Category	Number of Members	Percentage
ARRL	103	68%
Non-ARRL	48	32%

New member since last month:

NONE

- B. Repeater Committee Report – Rich Jones, W5VEK
- Repeater Visits:
 - Galleria visit scheuled: 5 October2024
 - Downtown Repeater
 - LBT to review MOP submitted by CMS and NARS
 - Plan is to do testing on this receiver once the antenna is replaced
 - Based on suggestions received from the repeater team last month, a survey was initiated, Rich to present findings during the General meeting
- C. ARRL/VEC Liasion – Sheree Horton, WM5N
- VE Session Results
 - http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/meeting_minutes/2024/VE%20Session%20Reports/VE%20Session%20Report_20240817.pdf
- D. Update on Social sites – Sam N6HB
- No Report
- E. Update on ARRL website – NARS Information – Sam N6HB
- No Report
- F. Old Business
- Next steps in upgrading our NARS mobile trailer. Currently on hold, pending Repeater work – Paul Kent, KI5FJS
 - Internal trailer workspace configuration – Designs suggestions received, but on hold
 - Internal design – Bob Ewers, K9HOU has provided details on air conditioning options.
 - Wait until the climbers are paid to make sure that we have funds for the trailer are available
 - Plans to sell off donated equipment – Paul Kent, KI5FJS
 - Considering sale in the next couple of months at Admin ESD #16 or another location
 - **ACTION:** Station #3 or #7 (TC Jester) might be a good place. Rich Jones to ask if there is availability
- G. New Business
- Begin planning for Awards Banquet
 - Ron will check with Rob Nixon to see if he might be willing to organize
 - Completed

- Also recommended to ask in the General Meeting.
- Officer elections in November
 - Submit names to ~~President~~ to all Board members (Post meeting note) NOTE: ALL Board positions are OPEN for election
 - Each individual can run for a single board position
- Insurance
 - Per Rich Jones, HCESD fire department will not pay for damages to the "HAM" beam antenna and our insurance will need to include the antenna if we want it to be replaced. **ACTION**
 - Tom Hoherd mentioned that we currently do not have any insurance that covers equipment - suggested adding allequipment. The Repeater Team will have to update the equipment numbers and serial numbers basedon location.
 - Tom Hoherd read the equipment insurance coverage information and costs for what we might be able to get.
 - Ron Matusek asked about who is responsible for the radios at the Fire Station
 - Radios are owned by the Club or Club members
 - But being on premise at the Fire Department, does the FD hold any liability?
 - Club does not have access to the room
 - Agreement and Insurance decision to be reviewed by the Board
- Meeting Closed at 6:33pm for a CLOSED BOARD MEETING

CLOSED MEETING: CALLED BY RON MATUSEK, WA6TQH

Ron made a short speech to notify everyone he was resigning due to health reasons.

Ron presented his resignation letter to Paul Kent, KI5FJS. Paul will be the interium president through the elections and until January 2025.

Ron said he would also update everyone at the following General Meeting.

- Motion to close the meeting at 6:47 was made by Rich Jones, W5VEK
- Second by Tom Hoherd, KK5YU
- Motion to close the meeting passed