



NARS Board Meeting Minutes July 18, 2025

Northwest Amateur Radio Society
P.O. Box 11483
Spring, TX 77391

Board Attendance

✓ - In Attendance, X – Absent

Voting Board Members		Non-Voting Committee Members	
✓	President: Paul Owen, N5NXS	✓	Admin. Secretary: Neal Naumann, N5EN
✓	Vice President: Kyle Vann, K5KNV	X	Social Media Liaison: Sam Labarbera, N6HB
✓	Treasurer: Tom Hoherd, KK5YU	X	Public Information Liaison: TBD
✓	Secretary: Brandon Rogers, K5BLR	✓	Webmaster: Bill Buoy, N5BIA
✓	Director: Rich Jones, W5VEK	✓	Repeater Team Lead: Rich Jones, W5VEK
X	Director: Jorge Gutierrez, WK5J	X	VEC Liaison: Brett Hebert lead, Assistant Synomen
		✓	Repeater Trustee: Paul Owen, N5NXS

Meeting Logistics

The monthly NARS Board Meeting will be held Friday, July 18, 2025, at 6:05pm, in the Board Room, at Harris County ESD 16 located at 18606 Stuebner Airline Rd, Spring Texas.

The General Meeting will be at the same location in the building's main Conference Room and start at 7:30PM.

Minutes

- I. Paul Owen, President, N5NXS called the meeting to order @ 6:03 PM
- II. President's Opening Statements
 - a. Official welcome – Recognition of visiting members.
 - b. Opening – “Public Information Officer” effective January 2024
 - i. See By-Laws for position description.
 - c. July General Meeting – Marty with presentation
 - d. August General Meeting – Maybe propagation presentation
 - e. Future General Meeting – ABR presentation
- III. 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. Please make arrangement prior to the board meeting to be included in the agenda.
- IV. Secretary's Report
 - a. Review of the minutes sent out by Brandon Rogers for the June 2025 board meeting:

http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/meeting_minutes/2025/BoardMeeting_20250620.pdf

 - i. Corrections to the minutes include updating the “May 2025” dates in section 4 to “June 2025” to correctly reflect the dates of the previous meeting.

- ii. Rich Jones motioned to approve the June minutes with the changes discussed above.
 - 1. Tom Hoherd offered a second.
 - 2. June minutes were unanimously approved by the board
- b. All minutes are posted so that all members can access them on the Club Document Repository at https://w5nc.net/doc_repos/meeting_minutes/

V. Treasurer's Report

- a. Financial reports were presented to the board:
 - http://www.w5nc.club/doc_repos/financial/2025/TreasurerReport_July2025.pdf
 - i. Brandon Rogers motioned to approve
 - 1. Rich Jones offered a second.
 - 2. July treasurer report was unanimously approved by the board
 - ii. Approval of Treasurer Report indicates endorsement of recurring expenses (those listed in "Yearly Renewal Reminder" section). To add new expenses in this section, a specific Board approval is required.
- b. LBT \$1500 Check for climbers – It is now a donation to the club
- c. Member reimbursements – turn in receipts.
 - i. Rich Jones requests reimbursement of \$520 for food from Field day; slightly over the \$500.
 - ii. Brandon Rogers motions to approve the full amount of \$520
 - 1. Tom Hoherd seconds the motion
 - 2. The motion was unanimously approved.

VI. Reports of Standing Committees

a. Administrative Secretary Report

ARRL members = 95

Non-members = 46

Total membership = 141

68 % of NARS members are also ARRL members

NARS Membership Statistics

Total Membership: 140

<u>Membership Category</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
ARRL	97	68%
Non-ARRL	44	31%
Groups	96	68%

Groups.io Membership Statistics

Total Membership: 134

<u>Membership Category</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
NARS Members	96	72%
Non-Members	38	28%

- i. New Members

1. Alexander (KJ5JBO) and Susan McCauley (KJ5JBF)
 - b. Repeater Committee report – Rich Jones, W5VEK (Repeater Team lead)
 - i. Repeaters are working as needed
 - ii. Removal went well at Galleria UHF repeater. Equipment was moved to ESD 16 Administration Shed in back and the repeaters are in EOC radio room.
 - c. NARS VE Team Report - Brett & Synomen Hebert
 - i. Number attending test session = 2
 - ii. Licenses earned = 1 Technician, 1 General, 0 Extra
 - iii. The next month's VE Session will be on July 26 with 4 signed up so far.
 - iv. Neal gave us 2 laptops during FD. Status?
 - d. Net Control Manager – Mike Lizzio, WA2TOP
 - i. We're averaging 11.5 participants on Tuesday and 9.5 participants on Wednesday.
 - ii. The Nets / repeaters are very stable at this point
 - iii. Separation of DMR and Analog nets have been successful
 1. It could be that the Galleria repeater was interfering, and Mike is okay with trying to join them all together again
 - e. Social Media Coordinator – Sam, K5FM
 - i. Requesting that Sam post things from the website to generate more interest in the FB group. Sam will need input from everyone.
 - ii. Sam only posted the FD activity before Field Day. I don't think anyone sent him anything during FD.
 - f. Webmaster Team – Bill Buoy, N5BIA
 - i. Update on NARS website – New location at <https://w5nc.net/nars/>
 - ii. Request from Paul Owen: Need new photo of our board with new VP. This time, please catch me when I'm looking up. Club Officers list was fixed.
 - iii. Bill looked at the HamClubOnline website, but found that our current website would not work well with HamClubOnline.
- VII. Old Business
- a. Change to By-Laws
 - i. Jorge, WK5J and Rich, W5VEK to report on the review of the By Laws.
 - ii. ACTION: Jorge, Rich, and Paul will work on the changes in a Zoom session and will put changes together for the board and for ratification by the membership.
- VIII. New Business
- a. Field Day Results – Talk about FD results in the General Meeting.
 - i. The results were less than the previous year.
 - ii. Missed several bonus points due to missing pictures, social media, and other activities. Membership can rally for next year, if we want to have more points for Field Day.

- b. Kyle to ask for committee to explore working with Youth Airwaves Initiative – Advocacy for Science and Technology Education via Amateur Radio.
 - i. Kyle would like to start a new initiative called “Youth Airwaves Initiative” as described above
 - ii. A few youth are interested in participating
 - iii. Lone Star Tomball is building a science and technology center and initial agreement to work together has been made.
 - iv. Kyle to lead starting this initiative and looking for members interested
- c. Insurance for Assets – Go over the list from Rich, W5VEK.
 - i. Rich has reviewed the inventory data that was provided.
 - 1. Divided between trailer and non-trailer assets
 - 2. Asset list seems to be outdated
 - ii. Rich’s suggestion is to focus on equipment that carries the highest values, such as repeaters and radios. Rich can compile and represent asset management discoveries, needs, and insurability and will send out to the board.

IX. MOVE TO CLOSE & DISMISS

- a. The Board meeting was closed at 6:49pm.
- b. Motion to Close meeting – Brandon
 - i. Tom second.
 - ii. Unanimous approval to close the meeting