



NARS Board Meeting Minutes June 19, 2026

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: Paul Owen, N5NXS	✓	Admin. Secretary: Neal Naumann, N5EN
X	Vice President: Kyle Vann, K5KNV	X	Social Media Liaison: Sam Labarbera, N6HB
✓	Treasurer: Tom Hoherd, KK5YU	X	Public Information Liaison: TBD
X	Secretary: Brandon Rogers, K5BLR	✓	Webmaster: Bill Buoy, N5BIA
X	Director: Rich Jones, W5VEK	X	Repeater Team Lead: Rich Jones, W5VEK
X	Director: Jorge Gutierrez, WK5J	X	ARRL/VEC Liaison: Brett Hebert, KG5IQU
		✓	Repeater Trustee: Paul Owen, N5NXS

Meeting Logistics

Meeting was held on Friday June 19 at 6:11pm in the Board Room at Harris County ESD 16 located at 18606 Stuebner Airline Rd, Spring Texas.

Minutes

- I. Paul Owen, President, N5NXS called the meeting to order @ 6:11pm
- II. President's Opening Statements
 - a. Paul opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees
 - b. Announced that June meeting will be Field Day planning.
 - c. July meeting will be presentation by Crystal Schiffbauer-Bowles, UAV pilot.
 - d. August meeting will be Presentation by Ed Fong, The Antenna Factory
- III. Secretary's Report
 - a. Review of the minutes uploaded to the website by Brandon Rogers for the December 2025 board meeting:
 - b. https://doc-repos.w5nc.net/meeting_minutes/2026/BoardMeeting_20260515.pdf
 - c. **There wasn't a quorum present, so no vote was taken.**
 - i. No motion.
 - ii. No vote.
- IV. Treasurer's Report
 - a. The following financial reports were presented to the board:
 - i. https://doc-repos.w5nc.net/financial/2026/TreasurerReport_June2026.pdf
 - b. **There wasn't a quorum present, so no vote was taken.**
 - i. No motion.
 - ii. No vote.

V. 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 = 83
Non-members = 50
Total membership = 133
- c. Neal Naumann also mentioned a discrepancy and lack of confidence in the numbers obtained from the online platform (Groups.io), which reports a membership of 134.

VI. Reports of Standing Committees

- a. Repeater Committee Report – Rich Jones, W5VEK (Repeater Team lead)
 - i. No reports on nets.
 - ii. The repeater Team monitoring the new tower location. Steps were taken to get the borrowed power supply back to Scott and 2 coax cables have been changed out with LMR 400. The 2 cables were donated to NARS by Walter, K5WH.
- b. NARS VE Team Report – Brett Hebert W5IQU – VE Session Results
 - i. Brett was not in attendance, but Paul Owen provided these results from the Monthly VE Session:
 - ii. 2 testers passed the following licenses: 2 Technicians, 0 General and 0 Extra
 - iii. The next month's VE Session will be on June 27, 2026.
- c. Net Control Manager – Mike Lizzo, WA2TOP
 - i. David Holden, WJ9O, will fill in for Mike Lizzio, WA2TOP and has submitted the report this month.
 - ii. Weekly Tuesday/Wednesday (DMR / Repeater / All mode) Net Report:

Day of Week	Date	Local Time	Net Control	Logger	Topic	# of Check-Ins
Tuesday	May 12, 2026	19:00	WA2TOP	WA2TOP		13
Wednesday	May 13, 2026	20:00	KJ5WGR	WA2TOP		16
Tuesday	May 19, 2026	19:00	KN5DS	KA2EEU	Vacation Memory	15
Wednesday	May 20, 2026	20:00	KN5DS	KA2EEU	Field Day	16
Tuesday	May 26, 2026	19:00	KN5DS	KA2EEU	Vacation Memory	15
Wednesday	May 27, 2026	20:00	KJ5WGR	WA2TOP	Radio Science	15
Tuesday	June 2, 2026	19:00	KF5IUM	WA2TOP	Coax	11
Wednesday	June 3, 2026	20:00	WA2TOP	WA2TOP	Internet Provider	17
Tuesday	June 9, 2026	19:00	WA2TOP	WA2TOP	Field Day	7
Wednesday	June 10, 2026	20:00	KJ5WGR	KA2EEU	POTA	9

VII. Update on Social sites – 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. I'm asking Kyle to pass on club activities that he sees coming up on groups.io or the Newsletter and his activities with LASO to Sam.

VIII. Bill Buoy, N5BIA

- a. I asked for a few other items to be fixed. He has fixed them.
- b. Information about ARRL Field Day was added to the home page.

IX. Old Business

- a. The board has instructed Tom Hoherd (Treasurer) to proceed with list of items to be insured.
- b. The 2 new driven elements for club beam antenna have arrived. Since Rich has been sidetracked by his wife's illness, the work will be postponed to after field Day. A date to assemble the elements will depend on when the tower can be available to us for installation.
- c. The budget for FD will be approximately \$600. I didn't get a name for the volunteer to collect names and make the order? I ordered 8 Hats and 1 XL Shirt. 6 Hats (\$150) are to be paid to Paul, N5NXS. Receipt was given to Tom.

X. New Business

- a. None at this time.

XI. **MOVE TO CLOSE & DISMISS**

- a. The Board meeting was closed at 6:45pm