



NARS Board Meeting Minutes August 21, 2026

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	X	Webmaster: Scott Seifert, KA2EEU
✓	Director: Rich Jones, W5VEK	✓	Repeater Team Lead: Rich Jones, W5VEK
✓	Director: Jorge Gutierrez, WK5J	X	VEC Liaison: Brett Hebert lead, Assistant Synomen
		✓	Repeater Trustee: Paul Owen, N5NXS

Meeting Logistics

The monthly NARS Board Meeting was held on Friday, July 17th at 6:00pm 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, N5NXS, President called the meeting to order @ 6:04 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. General Meeting Topics
 - i. August General Meeting – Presentation by Ed Fong, WB6IQN, The Antenna Factory
 - ii. September - TBD I need some ideas
 - iii. October – TBD
 - iv. November – Presentation by GeoChron
- III. Public Comments
 - i. 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 Paul Owen for the July 17, 2026 board meeting:

https://doc-repos.w5nc.net/meeting_minutes/2026/BoardMeeting_20260717.pdf

- i. Tom Hoherd offered a motion to approve the July 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
 1. Rich Jones offered a second
 2. The board unanimously approved the Board Minutes.
- b. All minutes are posted so that all members can access them on the Club Document Repository at https://doc-repos.w5nc.net/meeting_minutes

V. Treasurer's Report

- a. The financial reports through the August 2026 meeting were presented to the board: https://doc-repos.w5nc.net/financial/2026/TreasurerReport_August2026.pdf
 - i. Brandon Rogers motioned to approve.
 1. Kyle Vann offered a second.
 2. The treasurer report for the August 2026 meeting was unanimously approved by the board
- b. 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.

VI. Reports of Standing Committees

- a. Administrative Secretary Report
NARS Membership Statistics

Total Membership: 137 (133 last month)

Membership Category	Number of Members	Percentage
ARRL	85	62%
Non-ARRL	52	38%
Groups	91	66%

Groups.io Membership Statistics

Total Membership: 138

Membership Category	Number of Members	Percentage
ARS Members	91	67%
Non-Members	45	33%

Off the Roster

K0GSD Ryan Fisher

W4HUA Joseph Lahnstein

New Members

KJ5QWX Rex Smith

KI5ZFB James Harris

Renewals

KJ5JQV Catrina Zapata

KC5JAR Darrell Kirk

WD5JRD Carl Kotila

N5EN Neal Naumann

- b. Repeater Committee report – Rich Jones, W5VEK (Repeater Team lead)
 - i. Repeater performance on weekly nets. Any problems since last meeting?
 - 1. Nothing significant to report
- c. NARS VE Team Report - Brett & Synomen Hebert
 - i. Number attending test session = 2
 - ii. Licenses earned = 0 Technician, 2 General, 0 Extra
 - iii. The next VE Session will be on Aug 29 with ? signed up so far.
- d. Net Control Manager – David Holden, WJ9O
 - i. A few members, Mark, K3MBK and John, KI5YPD, has joined as a NCS.

Weekly Tuesday/Wednesday (DMR / Repeater / All mode) Net Report:

Date	Day of Week	Net Control Station	Name	Logger	Logger Name	Check-Ins
July 14, 2026	Tuesday	KI5YPD	John	KA2EEU	Scott	13
July 15, 2026	Wednesday	K3MBC	Mark	KA2EEU	Scott	15
July 21, 2026	Tuesday	KA2EEU	Scott	KA2EEU	Scott	16
July 22, 2026	Wednesday	KI5YPD	John	KA2EEU	Scott	19
July 28, 2026	Tuesday	KI5YPD	John	KA2EEU	Scott	12
July 29, 2026	Wednesday	K3MBC	Mark	KA2EEU	Scott	17
Aug 4, 2026	Tuesday	WJ9O	DAVID	WJ9O	DAVID	14
Aug 5, 2026	Wednesday	WJ9O	DAVID	WJ9O	DAVID	16
Aug 11, 2026	Tuesday	KI5YPD	John	K3MBC	Mark	12
Aug 12, 2026	Wednesday	K3MBC	Mark	KI5YPD	John	12

- e. Social Media Coordinator – Sam, K5FM
 - i. An email was received from Sam asking the Board members to post on Facebook.
 - ii. A discussion with the board about the need.
 - 1. Does everything need to be re-forwarded from Groups.io? No need to do this. Sam can read Groups.io
 - 2. We should provide an announcement about upcoming meetings.
 - 3. Kyle will get a Facebook account to post things on the page.
- f. Webmaster Team – Scott Seifert, KA2EEU
 - i. We are looking for someone who can take over the job.
The website has been in flux these past few weeks. Please look at it and be ready to express your appreciation for his work.

VII. Old Business

- a. The 2 new driven elements for club beam antenna have arrived. We need to set a date for the work on the installation. A date to assemble the elements will depend on when

the tower can be available to us for installation. When tower is available, Rich Jones will coordinate the effort.

VIII. New Business

- a. Scott, KA2EEU, will present (via Zoom not at this meeting) to board members that we have signed up so members pay their dues using Zeffy.com (<https://zeffy.com>).
 - i. The Board has set a date for Monday, August 24, 2026 at 6pm.
- b. Marty has asked to use the W5NC call to work the Texas QSO Party on September 19th & 20th. Does the board want to grant the request?
 - i. The Board and Trustee has granted approved to use the club call sign.
 - ii. Kyle will request usage of the EOC, dock, and large room for that weekend.
- c. The W5NC license has been renewed.
 - i. Grant Date: 08-18-2026
 - ii. Expires: 11-04-2036.
- d. I want to plan on NARS doing Winter Field Day January 2027. Hopefully no weather events take place on that weekend. I need to ask a volunteer to do the planning.
- e. Need to find out who on the board will stay on the board for the next 2 years. I don't intend to stay on as President. The board will need to appoint a member(s) to the Nominations Committee. I will stick around to be a supporting member to the next President.
 - i. President – Needed
 - ii. Vice President – Kyle may be willing to continue to serve on the board
 - iii. Treasurer – Tom Hoherd is willing to continue to serve on the board
 - iv. Secretary – Needed
 - v. Director – Rich intends to continue to server on the board
 - vi. Director – Jorge may me willing to continue to serve on the board

IX. MOVE TO CLOSE & DISMISS

- a. The Board meeting was closed at 6:56PM.
- b. Motion to Close meeting – Jorge Gutierrez
 - i. Kyle Vann provided a second.
 - ii. Unanimous approval to close the meeting