



NARS Board Meeting Minutes September 18, 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	
X	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
X	Director: Jorge Gutierrez, WK5J	X	VEC Liaison: Brett Hebert lead, Assistant Synomen
		X	Repeater Trustee: Paul Owen, N5NXS

Meeting Logistics

The monthly NARS Board Meeting was held on Friday, September 18th, 2026 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. Kyle Vann, K5KNV, President called the meeting to order @ 6:05 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_20260821.pdf

- i. Rich Jones offered a motion to approve the August 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Kyle Vann 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 September 2026 meeting were presented to the board: https://doc-repos.w5nc.net/financial/2026/TreasurerReport_Sept2026.pdf
 - i. Rich Jones motioned to approve.
 - 1. Brandon Rogers offered a second.
 - 2. The treasurer report for the September 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: 140 (137 last month)

Membership Category	Number of Members	Percentage
ARRL	86	61%
Non-ARRL	54	39%
Groups	92	66s%

Groups.io Membership Statistics

Total Membership: 138

Membership Category	Number of Members	Percentage
ARS Members	92	65%
Non-Members	49	35%

Off the Roster

K2KYM Kelley Garcia

New Members

KF2RR Richard Remels - Application, but no dues received.

KJ5NRF James Smallman - Application, but no dues received.

W3ALT Jason Althaus

Renewals

KG5FFX Thomas Migl, Jr.

KA5K Ryan Callison - renewal after lapse

WJ9O David Holden

- i. Scott has been working hard on the website and been working to repair some aspects of the membership management capabilities.
 1. Scott will set up a demo with Neil first as he is the most impacted by this change.
 2. After Neil is onboard, Scott will provide a demo to the Board.
 3. Brandon's questions have answers and will be review with him to ensure that the concerns have been addressed.
- b. Repeater Committee report – Rich Jones, W5VEK (Repeater Team lead)
 - i. Scott has helped significantly on the technical components of the repeaters
 - ii. No known technical issues on the repeater system
 - iii. On October 3rd, they shut power down at LBT site. We have to wait until that time to install the new equipment on that site.
- 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
Report given by Rich Jones
 - i. Net Control Managers have been all trained and the nets have been going smoothly
 - ii. Scott: David has done a great job at leading the nets!

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

August 4, 2026	Tues	WJ9O	David	WJ9O	David	14
August 5, 2026	Weds	WJ9O	David	WJ9O	David	16
August 11, 2026	Tues	KI5YPD	John	K3MBC	Mark	12
August 12, 2026	Weds	K3MBC	Mark	KI5YPD	John	12
August 18, 2026	Tues	KI5YPD	John	KA2EEU	Scott	14
August 19, 2026	Weds	K3MBC	Mark	KA2EEU	Scott	14
August 25, 2026	Tues	WJ9O	David	WJ9O	David	13
August 26, 2026	Weds	WJ9O	David	WJ9O	David	11
September 1, 2026	Tues	K3MBC	Mark	KA2EEU	Scott	16
September 2, 2026	Weds	K3MBC	Mark	KA2EEU	Scott	18
September 8, 2026	Tues	KI5YPD	John	KA2EEU	Scott	14
September 9, 2026	Weds	KJ5WGR	Glenn	KA2EEU	Scott	17

- 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.

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>). So far Scott has been testing the payment system. He will let us know when he is ready.
- b. 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.
- c. The Secretary, Brandon, has expressed a desire to be replaced. Kyle has asked to have his name put in for 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.

IX. MOVE TO CLOSE & DISMISS

- a. The Board meeting was closed at 6:31PM.
- b. Motion to Close meeting – Rich Jones
 - i. Brandon Rogers provided a second.
 - ii. Unanimous approval to close the meeting