NARS Board Meeting Minutes
October 16, 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, October 16th, 2026 at 6:04pm 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 @ 6:05 PM

II. 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. October – Presentation by Robie, KJ4F about DXing
      ii. November - Presentation by GeoChron
      iii. December – K5ZTY Show and Tell Night

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 September 18, 2026 board meeting: https://doc-repos.w5nc.net/meeting_minutes/2026/BoardMeeting_20260918.pdf

i. Rich Jones offered a motion to approve the August 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
    1. Tom Hoherd 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_Oct2026.pdf
    i. Rich Jones motioned to approve.
        1. Kyle Vann offered a second.
        2. The treasurer report for the October 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: 145 (140 last month)

Membership Category	Number of Members	Percentage
ARRL	90	62%
Non-ARRL	55	38%
Groups	91	63%

Groups.io Membership Statistics

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Membership Category	Number of Members	Percentage
ARS Members	91	67%
Non-Members	44	33%

Off the Roster

W5UQ Robert (Bob) Hardie
KG5HIE Elba Hardie

New Members

K2KYM Kelley Garcia
KC8VVQ Thomas Hickmott
N5GCQ Chuck Mountfort

NQ4A Jon Bennett
KJ5PEC Oaklynn Mielcarek
WA5DAD James Wasson
KJ5ROO Samuel Bell

Renewals
K2KYM Kelley Garcia
K5LTI Krystian Altimas
KI5ZNS Gregory Altimas
WA2TOP Michael Lizzio

b. Repeater Committee report – Rich Jones, W5VEK (Repeater Team lead)
   i. All repeater systems appear to be working well.
   ii. Scott is still working toward activating the LBT repeater, but running into some paperwork slowdowns. Scott will continue working through the issues.

c. NARS VE Team Report - Brett & Synomen Hebert
   i. Number attending test session = 4
   ii. Licenses earned = 0 Technician, 3 General, 0 Extra
   iii. The next VE Session will be on Oct 24 with 1 signed up so far.

d. Net Control Manager – David Holden, WJ9O
   i. Wednesday Net is going very well.

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

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
September 15, 2026	Tues	WJ9O	David	WJ9O	David	18
September 16, 2026	Weds	WJ9O	David	WJ9O	David	15
September 22, 2026	Tues	K3MBC	Mark	KA2EEU	Scott	16
September 23, 2026	Weds	KJ5WGR	Glenn	KA2EEU	Scott	18
September 29, 2026	Tues	K3MBC	Mark	K3MBC	Mark	16
September 30, 2026	Weds	KJ5WGR	Glenn	KA2EEU	Scott	22
October 6, 2026	Tues	KI5YPD	John	KA2EEU	Scott	20
October 7, 2026	Weds	KJ5WGR	Glenn	KA2EEU	Scott	23

e. Social Media Coordinator – Sam, K5FM
   i. An email was received from Sam asking the Board members to post on Facebook.

f. Webmaster Team – Scott Seifert, KA2EEU
   i. We are looking for someone who can take over the job.

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.

b. 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.
c. 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.
    i. We need to get everything on the calendar for the KFD Administration building for 2027. Kyle to send the events to the coordinator.
d. November is the election meeting. October is the month where we present names for serving on the board.
    i. Vice President position is open.
    ii. 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.
    iii. Kyle has put his name in as President of the club.

VIII. New Business
a. The club is organized as a 501c3 organization. We need to use a specific tax form to receive sales tax exemption if needed.
b. Scott Seifert has been discussing having a raffle as a fundraiser. The raffle would be for an HT that would be awarded to the raffle winner.
    i. A raffle should describe the purpose of the funds being raised (i.e., for the equipment.
    ii. Tom will check on the requirements for the raffle

IX. MOVE TO CLOSE & DISMISS
a. The Board meeting was closed at 6:33PM.
b. Motion to Close meeting – Kyle Vann
    i. Rich Jones provided a second.
    ii. Unanimous approval to close the meeting