



NARS Board Meeting Minutes July 1, 2024

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: Ron Matusek, WA6TQH	X	Admin. Secretary: Neal Naumann, N5EN
✓	Vice President: Paul Kent, KI5FJS	X	Social Media Liaison: Sam Labarbera, N6HB
✓	Treasurer: Tom Hoherd, KK5YU	X	Public Information Liaison: TBD
✓	Secretary: Brandon Rogers, K5BLR	X	Webmaster: Bill Buoy, N5BIA
✓	Director: Rich Jones, W5VEK	X	Repeater Team Lead: TBD
X	Director: TBN	X	ARRL/VEC Liaison: Sheree Horton, WM5N
		X	Repeater Trustee: Paul Owen, N5NXS

Meeting Logistics

Meeting was held on Zoom and started at 6:04pm on July 1, 2024.

Minutes

- I. Ron Matusek, WA6TQH, welcomed the attendees and called the meeting to order.
- II. President will take medical leave for July only! Vice President, Paul Kent (KI5FJS), to assume responsibilities for the month of July
- III. Repeater Team Lead Resignation - Identity person to immediately assume responsibility
 - a. Ron expressed sadness for losing Mike as the lead for the repeater team, but respects his decision. We'll all miss you, Mike!
 - b. We need a new Repeater Team Lead ASAP!
 - c. Mike as put together a lot of documentation on the repeater.
 - d. Ron would like to see stabilization efforts on the basic repeater services and the new repeater team lead would be in charge of getting this together.
 - e. Rich Jones provided the following update:
 - i. LBT Repeater
 1. As Ron mentioned, we need to scale back and focus on the fundamental repeater services.
 2. We can re-mount an antenna (that we have) in a mount that exists, connect the antenna, turn on the repeater and be online.
 3. This is an easy way to get the repeater back online.
 - ii. Galleria Repeater
 1. The new repeater that we installed keeps failing and should not be used.

2. We do have trouble getting access to the repeater here and need to build a better relationship to help get access to the site.
3. Do we want a VHF repeater on the Galleria site? That needs to be answered after the first two items are taken care of.

iii. Klein Repeater

1. Easy to get onto the site
2. Repeater performs well
3. A great site for maintenance and management

- f. Ron suggests that Rich stand-in as the Repeater Team Lead in the interim until a team lead can be found.
- i. Rich agreed that he would be willing to lead the Repeater Team on the interim basis.
 - ii. Paul Kent made a motion to appoint Rich as the interim Repeater Team Lead
 - iii. Brandon indicated a second for the motion.
 - iv. Board approved the motion – Rich will act as interim Repeater Team Lead
- g. Paul Kent and Rich Jones will discuss what skills and participation is needed to execute the repeater stabilization plan.
- h. Tom Hoherd asked the question what the \$1500 estimate for climbers would be spent:
- i. Paul Kent indicated that the antenna would be removed, a new antenna would be added and all the changes we need would be corrected.
 - ii. Tom expressed concern about the amount of money on the budget and asked if we had already approved the amount for use.
 1. Brandon checked the previous board meeting minutes which indicates that an official board vote for the funds was *not* completed.
 - iii. Motion –
 1. Tom Hoherd – Approve \$1500 + sales tax if needed CMS (climbers) to relocate antenna
 2. Rich Jones – Second
 3. Approved/ motion is carried.

II. Nets

- a. Rich Jones - Survey respondents indicate that a single Net per week would be best. But who would make that decision?
- b. Ron Matusek – The board makes this decision and we have support from the survey for a Wednesday night at 7pm
- c. Paul Kent – Recommend to work on restoring the stability of the repeater systems and then address this scheduling question

IV. Several Board Positions are still open

- a. Director Position still open
- b. Public Information Officer position still open
 - i. We really need this help!
 - ii. Rich Jones will contact the Klein ESD to link the NARS Facebook/website to their Facebook page
- c. Tom will spread the work at breakfast

V. Meeting Closed at 6:53pm