



# NORTH OKALOOSA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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## Minutes for Business Meeting held 09 May 2024

### OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by KI4ZER. Prayer was offered by KK4WDQ.

Introductions were made around the room and for online participants.

Attendance (See Appendix 1):

Fourteen Members in person and four Members online. (Quorum met.)

Three Associate Members present. One Guest present and one Guest online.

### OFFICERS' REPORTS

#### Secretary's Report

The Minutes for the April 2024 business meeting have been posted on the W4AAZ website by KM4VKY. They were also e-mailed to all members on the distribution list. Printed copies were not available at the meeting due to the unusual length of the April Minutes (with the Bylaws presentation). The proposed Bylaws have been available electronically for over three weeks for review.

#### Treasurer's Report

The full Treasurer's Report and Bank Statement is posted on the W4AAZ website. The Treasurer brought last month's printed statement to the May meeting, which reported a total bank equity of \$10,395.73; however, the posted statement reported as follows:

Balances as of 30 April 2024:

Checking account:	\$3,831.09
Savings account:	\$6,558.46
Petty Cash fund	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total	\$10,489.55

Number of paid members: 51

#### Acceptance of Officers' Reports

Motion to accept Officer's Reports was made by KQ4FRB, seconded by KN4UDT, and passed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Education and Advancement Committee – KN4UDT**

The full April report for the Education and Advancement Committee was posted on the NOARC website. Highlights were:

- Tech Nights:
  - For the April Tech Night, our guest speaker Mark Messerly KX4LD gave a presentation on Effective Limited Space Antennas.
  - The subject for the May Tech Night will be “Field Day Preparations” by the Field Day Committee.
- Classes: We are currently planning a license class that will start in August. This class will prepare students for both the Technician and the General license exams.
- Testing: In-person exams are offered by Playground Amateur Radio Club and Walton County Amatory Radio Club. On-line exams are also available. For details, see the Committee report.
- Elmering: We are still actively Elmering some of our students from last year’s General license class.

### **Station Committee – KO4GDU**

Scott KO4GDU gave a verbal report. Highlights were:

- The lightning arrestors have been installed.
- The main beam antenna (tri-bander) is inoperative due to a lightning strike to the coax feeding the antenna. Will require replacement of 75 feet of coax.
- The ladder line feed is showing wide swings in SWR and will need to be investigated.
- The coax for the OCF dipole has suffered some water intrusion.

Scott also stated that he will be absent from June’s business meeting.

## Activities Committee -- KN4UDS

KN4UDS provided the following verbal report:

- Thank you to volunteers who supported the multiple activities in the past month:
  - We received thanks from the Emerald Coast Autism Center for support of their run on 13 April. They liked the new signs at our checkpoints indicating “Communications support by NOARC”.
  - The Workshop in the Shack on 13 April completed grounding tasks but discovered other antenna issues (discussed in Station Committee report).
  - Live Oak Baptist Church passed on their thanks for parking support at the food distribution days on 19 and 25 April.
- Upcoming Events:
  - 11 May **Workshop in the Shack** will be hands-on work with N3FJP logging software, to be used for ARRL Field Day.
  - 15 June **Workshop in the Shack** will be Field Day preparation and equipment load into the trailer.
  - 22-23 June is **ARRL Field Day**: KN4UDS reiterated that we scored well last year and will still work for points but the emphasis is on having FUN. He obtained concurrence for support as follows:
    - Education and Advancement Committee – present an educational activity
    - Station Committee – disconnect necessary equipment from club station and load for transport to Field Day site
    - Administrative Committee – advertise event to the community, arrange welcome for guests
    - Safety Officer – KI5FR volunteered to be the Field Day Safety Officer.
    - Webmaster – update website and Facebook pages concerning Field Day

KI5FR took action to obtain a 1x2 call sign for the Get On The Air (GOTA) station.

KM4SPJ recommended that for Field Day we consider an NVIS station and invite people from a local GMRS organization. He also made a plea for assistance during Field Day teardown, which has traditionally been sparse.

- 29 June: The “**Ground Up 5K Run**”: NOARC’s participation at the ECAC run was noted by other organizations, and NOARC has been requested to provide similar support for a run in the Bluewater Bay area. There will be a 0730 check-in at the Catholic Church on White Point Road.

### **Administration Committee -- KM4SPJ**

KM4SPJ indicated there was nothing significant to report. He expressed thanks to KM4VKY, W4BZM, and KI5FR for their coordination with insurance agencies and the preparation of a NOARC Insurance Binder to track our multiple policies.

### **Webmaster – KM4VKY**

KM4VKY indicated that the NOARC website was working fine, but he could use some assistance from someone with WordPress experience.

### **Hamfest Committee – KI4ZER**

For 2024, the NOARC Hamfest will feature a “soft” opening on Saturday 05 Oct and the main event on Sunday 06 October. Information has been submitted to ARRL to list it on their calendar.

NOARC’s agreement with the City of Crestview has been submitted. Live Oak Baptist Church has not formally agreed to provide food services, but will likely do so.

Testing will take place on Saturday at 1300 (prior to the “soft opening”).

The Hamfest Committee is working with a \$1500 budget for prizes. This is a reduction of \$500 from last year. Members are encouraged to think about what could be unique prizes.

### **Acceptance of Committee Reports**

Motion to accept Committee Reports was made by KM4VKY, seconded by KQ4FRB, and passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Revision of Bylaws**

- The President provided a brief review of the changes proposed for Version 12 and paused after each change to ask for questions. There were none.

- By the current Bylaws, any business decisions required a quorum of club members (defined as 25%) present, and a 2/3 majority of those at the meeting to approve any changes to the Bylaws.
  - With 51 paid members, a quorum consisted of 13 members. With 14 members physically present and four online, the quorum requirement was met.
  - For approval of changes to the Bylaws, a 2/3 majority of the 18 members present (12 members) was required.
- The motion to approve Version 12 was made by KI5FR and seconded by KJ4FNA. A formal vote was taken, with unanimous approval. The NOARC Bylaws, Version 12, officially became effective on 09 May 2024.

### **Station Items**

#### Trailer work:

- For the “faded stripe” design, the initial cost estimate was \$850 per side for materials with members providing the work. A second estimate was requested from another firm but has not yet been received.
- W6VVA suggested the possibility of an “in kind” barter of a paint job in return for some free advertising on the local radio station WAAZ. This option is being investigated.

### **NEW BUSINESS.**

There was no new business.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS**

None

Meeting was adjourned by the President at 2012.

## APPENDIX 1: ATTENDANCE

<b>Members in attendance</b>	<b>Members online</b>
"DJ" Stewart, KI4ZER	Don Safer, KC6IPO
Queenie Barrientos, KQ4FRB	Marlon Haunschild, N4ZK
Andrew Percival, N2PDK	Ed Underfinger, AA0EU
Joseph Feliccia, KN4UDS	Phil Mackrael, KF4RAF
John Duren, N8JDD	
Scott Friesen, KO4GDU	<b>Associate Members (not licensed)</b>
Bob Raffety, N1KRE	Michele Lemay
Bob Hurley, KN4UDT	Roslin Stewart
Mike Wright, KJ4FNA	Maria Stewart
Rob Sugg, KM4SPJ	
Robert Dallons, KM4VKY	<b>Guests in attendance</b>
Walter Waddell, KQ4LAY	Lynnette Percival, N7UTQ
Curt Kroha, WA4BOZ	
Mike Behr, W4BZM	<b>Guests online</b>
	Bob Benson, W6VVA