



NORTH OKALOOSA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Minutes for Business Meeting held 14 May 2026

OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the President KI4ZER.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DJ, KI4ZER.

Prayer was offered by Bob, KN4UDT.

Introductions were made around the room and for online participants. Special recognition was given to Lynnette Percival (recently received her General license) and Howard Zemser (recently received his Technician license).

Attendance: Voting members: 16 in person, 8 online (Quorum met by both criteria)

Associate Members: 2 in person

Guests: 32 in person, 1 online (See Appendix 1).

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Opening Remarks – DJ KI4ZER

The President welcomed new and returning members.

The last month has been busy with multiple activities. The President thanked all who volunteered to support these functions.

The next Business Meeting will be held as a dinner event at Samuel's in Crestview, starting at 1800.

Secretary's Report – Mike W4BZM

The Minutes for April 2026 have been posted on the NOARC website. They include the presentation from the April meeting regarding refurbishment of the NOARC club station.

There was no official correspondence this month.

The NOARC tri-fold brochure has been revised. Copies are available in the trailer.

The 2025 Annual Report will be posted to the NOARC website. It is 26 pages and includes reports from the Board Members and Committee Chairmen.

Treasurer's Report – Derek KQ4LSX

The full Treasurer's Report and Bank Statement was not available online but was provided verbally as:

Balances as of 30 April 2026:

Savings account:	\$4,152.30
Checking account:	\$3,110.86
Petty Cash fund	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Total	\$7,363.16

No report of monthly income and expenditure was provided at the meeting.

At the beginning of the meeting, there were 54 Full Members and 4 Associate Members.

Acceptance of Officers' Reports

Motion to accept Officers' Reports was made by Bob, KN4UDT, seconded by Dave, KB4EWS, and passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education and Advancement Committee – Bob KN4UDT

The 2026 Education and Advancement Committee Report for the May meeting is available on the NOARC website.

Tech Nights:

- The April Tech Night was "Greyline Propagation: What, Why, and How?" by Bob KN4UDT
- The May Tech Night will be "An Introduction to Setting Up and Operating Radios in the NOARC Trailer" by Joe KN4UDS. This Tech Night will be handled via Zoom only. A User Manual for the trailer will be sent out to all members prior to the presentation. The session will include a presentation followed by a live Q&A session broadcast from the trailer by KN4UDS.
- The committee welcomes inputs from members concerning topics for Tech Nights. Presentations are especially welcome.

Bob KN4UDT offered congratulations to Howard for his receipt of his Technician license. Bob was Howard's Elmer for his studies.

Craig KK4WDQ announced that new test booklets for the Technician license would be available from the Western Carolina Volunteer Examination Coordinator (WCARS VEC) in one month. (ARRL is transitioning to online testing but WCARS will still be issuing paper copies of test materials.)

Station Committee – (position vacant, DJ KI4ZER reporting)

- The club trailer was used for the Trail Life junction at Camp Okaloosa.
- There were no changes to the station equipment this month. Upcoming work was discussed under Old Business.

Activities Committee – John N8JDD

Past Events:

- 25 April: Demonstrations for Trail Life Group at Camp Okaloosa. Supported by John N8JDD, Robert KM4VKY, Mike W4BZM, Rob KM4SPJ, Aaryn KR4JID, Dave, WB4EWS, and Tim KN4WOO.
- Throughout April: LOBC parking for food distribution supported by John N8JDD and Don KR4YXX.
- 02 May: ECAC One 5K run in Niceville. Supported by NOARC members with the assistance of PARC:

John N8JDD	Bob KN4UDT
Rich N4DPM	Dave WB4EWS
DJ KI4ZER	Aaryn KR4JID
Andy N2PDK	Heidi KR4IUU
Mark KR4FKN	Bill KQ4ATC

- 09 May: America 250 parade in Crestview. Cancelled due to weather. Rescheduled for 12 September.
- LOBC Parking: Has been supported by John N8JDD and Don KR4YXX

Future Events:

- 11 June: Business meeting will be combined with a dinner event at Samuel's in Crestview. Start time 1800. Will order from menus (no restriction on choices). John N8JDD will poll members to get an idea of attendance. Families welcome.

- 27 June 2026: ARRL Summer Field Day at Fred Gannon State Park. First pavilion has been reserved.
- 12 September: America 250 parade in Crestview (rescheduled date)

Administrative Committee – Rob KM4SPJ

Nothing significant to report.

Webmaster – Robert KM4VKY

Website is working OK. Webmaster welcomes any inputs for the NOARC web page.

Hamfest Committee – “DJ”, KI4ZER

Planning is complete except for table reservations. The Community Center has some new tables but only the same number as last year. NOARC cannot reserve tables from Eglin MWR until 09 August.

Holiday Party Committee – John N8JDD

The 2026 Holiday Party will be held in Niceville. Facilities are in heavy demand. Tentative dates are 12 December or 19 December with a backup of 05 December. A firm date should be available next month.

Acceptance of Committee Reports

Motion to accept Committee Reports was made by Dave, WB4EWS, seconded by Rob, K4HST, and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Trailer Upgrades – Joe KN4UDS

Trailer modifications are complete. The total for the project was “about \$4000”. All budgeted funds have been paid out and there are no outstanding transactions.

Joe KN4UDS is available for one-on-one training on the details of how to turn on equipment and operate the trailer systems.

Repairs to W4AAZ UHF Repeater Antenna – Daniel, KK4VAX

- The 444.950 repeater now operates with a 100 Hz tone rather than a DCS code.
- The 444.950 repeater has been moved to a different antenna about 240 feet up the towers. The new antenna has a lower SWR and seems to work better.

- The audio gain on the repeater has been adjusted to -3 dB and the power has been reduced from 100 watts to 50 watts to eliminate sensitivity problems and distortion.
- Remote access has been established to both the 147.360 repeater and the 444.950 repeater. Robert KM4VKY and Bob W6VVA can access the repeaters from home if needed for adjustments (e.g., to reset the clock) or shut down operation if necessary. Robert monitors both repeaters from work when he is in the office.
- Daniel KK4VAX confirmed the final cost for the tower climbs and repairs was \$800.

NEW BUSINESS

Station Repairs / Upgrade – DJ, KI4ZER

DJ KI4ZER reviewed the plans for repair and upgrade of the NOARC station.

- On 16 May, starting at 0900, the shack closet will be gutted of all wiring and coax. The mast tube used for coax passthrough will be emptied and shortened.
- On Friday, 19 June, starting at 1000, we plan to take down the wire antenna, ladder line, and small beam for testing, assessment, storage , and repair. Daniel KK4VAX will check on the availability of a bucket truck to support this effort. This effort may require a large team.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

Mentoring Minute

Not held due to length of meeting.

PARC License Classes – Bill, KQ4ATC

The Technician license class conducted by Playground Amateur Radio Club will conclude with a test on 03 June. A General class will immediately follow and run through 29 July.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM CDT.

Respectfully submitted

Mike W4BZM

NOARC Secretary

APPENDIX 1: ATTENDANCE

Members in Person	Members online
Andrew Percival, N2PDK	David Eaton, KN4YJT
Lynnette Percival, N7UTQ /AG – new General!	Robert Dallons, KM4VKY
“DJ” Stewart, KI4ZER	Bill Williams, KQ4ATC
Queenie Barrientos, KQ4FRB	Joe Feliccia, KN4UDS
Mike Behr, W4BZM	Michelle Feliccia, KQ4WKC
Bill Turney, WS4Y	Don Safer, KC6IPO
Rob Rosenberger, K4HST	Howard Zemser, KR4LYW – new Tech!
Tim Terrell, KN4WOO	Rich Giradin, N4DPM
Jon Baughman, KI4UMT	
Michael Wright, KJ4FNA	
Derek Hoffnung, KQ4LSX	
David Hayden, WB4EWS	Associate Members attending
John Duren, N8JDD	Maria Stewart
Don Busbee, KR4YXX	Juanita Young
Bob Hurley, KN4UDT	
Craig Young, KK4WDQ	Associate Members online
	None
	Guests in attendance
	Mark Ruschman, KR4FKN
	Michelle Ruschman
	Marianne Ruschman
	Guests online
	Daniel Horne, KK4VAX

Total voting membership: 54

Quorum requirement (at least one of the following):

- 14 (25% of full membership, including one officer) – This criterion was met
- 9 (15% of membership, including three officers) – This criterion was also met.