



NORTH OKALOOSA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Minutes for Business Meeting held 09 July 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 Rob, KM4SPJ.

Introductions were made around the room. We welcomed a guest, Brandon Sasser, W4SFD, and congratulated him on his recent achievement of his General license.

Attendance:

Full members: 15 in person, 7 online. President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer in attendance. (Quorum met by both 25% and 15% criteria. See Appendix 1.)

Associate Members: 2 in person

Guests: 1 in person

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Opening Remarks – DJ KI4ZER

The President welcomed all members and a new guest to the meeting.

Secretary's Report – Mike W4BZM

The Minutes for June 2026 have been posted on the NOARC website. They contained a "readership check" asking what percentage of voting members attended the June meeting. Bob Hurley was recognized for submitting the correct response of 46.3%.

There was no official correspondence.

Dave, WB4EWS, stated that he was not receiving NOARC e-mails. The Webmaster offered to send out a test message.

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 June 2026:

Savings account:	\$4,155.92
Checking account:	\$3,111.26
Petty Cash fund	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Total	\$7,367.18

Monthly income was \$30 in dues. Expenses were \$81.20 for trailer registration.

NOARC currently has 55 Full Members and 4 Associate Members.

Acceptance of Officers' Reports

Motion to accept Officers' Reports was made by Robert, KM4VKKY, seconded by Don, KR4YXX, and passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education and Advancement Committee – Bob KN4UDT

The 2026 Education and Advancement Committee Report for the July meeting is being placed on the NOARC website.

Technical Nights:

- The June Tech Night was Field Day Final Planning, led by John N8JDD.
- The July Tech Night will be Field Day Evaluation, also led by John N8JDD.

Station Committee – (position vacant, DJ KI4ZER reporting)

The NOARC trailer was used for Field Day at Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park.

A workday at the Club station will be held on 25 July, beginning at 0930 CDT. Work plan will be shaped to fit available equipment, number of volunteers, and weather.

Live Oak Baptist Church has given permission to NOARC to "own" Building G in its entirety. This opens up options for a new layout for the club station.

Activities Committee – John N8JDD

Past Events:

- During June, LOBC parking for food distributions continued to be supported by John N8JDD and Don KR4YXX. With the summer heat, additional volunteers are needed on Tuesday mornings 0800-1000 to allow traffic directors to periodically rotate out of the sun and into cooler areas.
- 27 June 2026: ARRL Summer Field Day was held at Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park. A debrief will be conducted at the July Tech Night. Members are asked to bring summaries of:
 - What went well?
 - What area caused problems?
 - How can we improve next year?
- 04 July 2026: NOARC received a late request to support the Davidson Dash. Due to the late notice and priority for family commitments, the club deferred, with a request for more advance notice if the event is held in 2027.

Future Events:

- 12 September: America 250 parade in Crestview (rescheduled date)

Administrative Committee – Rob KM4SPJ

Nothing significant to report.

Webmaster – Robert KM4VKY

Website is working OK. If any members have suggestions for improvement to the web page, please contact the Webmaster, Robert, KM4VKY.

Hamfest Committee – “DJ”, KI4ZER

We are one month away from being able to reserve tables from Eglin for the Hamfest. Rob, KM4SPJ, offered to again transport tables from Eglin to Crestview and back with his trailer. Craig, KK4WDQ, offered the use of his trailer to transport tables from the American Legion hall.

Holiday Party Committee – John N8JDD

The 2026 Holiday Party will be held at Basil and Baxter's in Niceville on 12 December at 1700 CST. The menu will have options of chicken, beef, fish, or pasta and will include a dessert. Members will be asked in October to provide inputs on number of guests to allow for meal planning.

Acceptance of Committee Reports

Motion to accept Committee Reports was made by Bob, KN4UDT, seconded by Dave, WB4EWS, and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Modification to NOARC Bylaws – DJ, KI4ZER

The Board proposed two modifications to the existing NOARC Bylaws. The presentation charts are included in Appendix 2 and are summarized below:

1. An administrative change to clarify the wording on how a quorum is satisfied at business meetings.
2. A policy change to modify the terms for officers from two-year terms to one-year terms, and to limit the number of consecutive terms in the same office to three years.

Discussion followed. The briefing will be made available for members' reviews on the NOARC website . A vote on the change will be held at the August business meeting. Per the Bylaws, a 2/3 majority will be required for incorporation.

Talk To Santa's Elves – John, N8JDD

John, N8JDD, proposed an activity in December wherein young children could come to the Church and talk on the radio to one of Santa's elves. No one objected to this activity, but Rob, KM4SPJ, suggested that John get approval of the concept from Live Oak Baptist Church.

NOARC Assistance to LOBC concerning audio/visual equipment – DJ, KI4ZER

Live Oak Baptist Church has experienced difficulty with the video and audio system in the Fellowship Hall. Since NOARC uses the Hall twice monthly for meetings, and Zoom participation has become an important capability , DJ suggested that NOARC should consider assisting LOBC in repairing/upgrading the A/V system. John, N8JDD, was tasked with coordinating an estimate for this effort with LOBC and reporting back at a future meeting. No funding was proposed or committed at this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

Mentoring Minute

Not held due to the length of the meeting.

The business meeting was adjourned at 2015 CDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike W4BZM
NOARC Secretary

APPENDIX 1: ATTENDANCE

Members in Person	Members online
Bob Hurley, KN4UDT	Joseph Feliccia, KN4UDS
Vern McGraw, KR4ESD	Michele Feliccia, KQ4WKC
Queenie Barrientos, KQ4FRB	Bill Williams, KQ4ATC
“DJ” Stewart, KI4ZER	Steve Hays, KJ4RWD
John Duren, N8JDD	Milton Bohac, KL1LF
Derek Hoffnung, KQ4LSX	Phillip Mackrael, KF4RAF
Craig Young, KK4WDQ	Howard Zemser, KR4LYW
Robert Dallons, KM4VKY	
Rob Sugg, KM4SPJ	Associate Members attending
Michael Wright, KJ4FNA	Maria Stewart
Mike Behr, W4BZM	Juanita Young
Bill Turney, WS4Y	
Tim Terrell, KN4WOO	Associate Members online
Don Busbee, KR4YXX	None
David Hayden, WB4EWS	
	Guests in attendance
	Brandon Sasser, W4SFD
	Guests online
	None

Total voting membership: 55

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.

APPENDIX 2: PROPOSED CHANGES TO NOARC BYLAWS

Proposed Changes to Bylaws

SUMMER 2026
SUBMITTED BY NOARC BOARD
REVISED DURING 09 JULY BUSINESS MEETING

Agenda

- Why are changes needed?
- Proposed change 1: Clarification of Quorum (administrative change)
- Proposed change 2: Term Limits (policy change)

Proposed Change 1 (administrative change)

- Summary: Clarify wording on definition of a quorum
- Why? : Possible confusion on terminology
- Article V: “Meetings”, Section 3 currently references “full membership”
- Does “full membership” mean?
 - All the Full (voting) members in NOARC?
 - All members of NOARC, whether they be Full or Associate members?
- Business concerning NOARC may not be conducted unless a quorum is present at the meeting.

Proposed Change 1

Current wording of Article V, Section 3:

“A quorum will consist of one of the following:

- 25% of the club’s full **membership**, including at least one officer.
- 15% of the club’s full **membership and** at least three officers.”

Proposed change to wording:

“A quorum will consist of one of the following:

- 25% of the club’s full **members**, including at least one officer.
- 15% of the club’s full **members, including** at least three officers.”

Proposed Change 2 (policy change)

- Summary: Change from two -year terms for officers to one-year terms. Limit number of consecutive terms in same office.
- Why?
 - Regular turnover:
 - Brings new energy
 - Prevents complacency
 - Provides opportunity for new members to develop leadership skills
 - Two-year terms, intended to promote continuity, seem to be discouraging volunteers for offices.

Proposed Change 2

Current wording of Article IV, Section 2:

"The officers shall be elected as described below at the November annual meeting and shall serve until successors are elected. The President will appoint a nominating committee prior to the annual meeting. This nominating committee will present a list of nominees for all the officer positions. The committee will set the process for nominations and the election. The election will be decided by a majority of all votes cast. If a majority is not obtained, an immediate run off will be held for the two candidates receiving the most votes. In the event of a tie, the election will be decided by a coin flip or other random method. Members wishing to be considered for an officer position may contact a member of the nominating committee. Officers will be elected for staggered **2-year terms** to provide continuity. The election following the adoption of staggered terms for 2019, the Vice-President and Secretary shall be elected for a 1-year term and the positions will come up for election to begin every even number year thereafter. The President and the Treasurer shall be elected for a 2-year term and the positions will come up for election to begin every odd number year thereafter."

Current wording of Article IV, Section 6:

"...A club member will not serve as Treasurer more than **two (2) consecutive terms**."

Proposed Change 2

Legend:

White = retained wording

Grey = deleted wording

Yellow = added wording

Proposed change to Article IV, Section 2:

~~"The officers shall be elected as described below at the November annual meeting and shall serve until successors are elected~~ **to serve 1-year terms, beginning in January. No member shall serve more than three consecutive years in the same elected position.** The President will appoint a nominating committee prior to the annual meeting. ~~This nominating committee will present a list of nominees for all the officer positions. The committee will set the process for nominations and the election.~~ The election will be decided by a majority of all votes cast. If a majority is not obtained, an immediate run off will be held for the two candidates receiving the most votes. In the event of a tie, the election will be decided by a ~~coin flip or other random method.~~ Members wishing to be considered for an officer position may contact a member of the nominating committee. ~~Officers will be elected for staggered 2-year terms to provide continuity. The election following the adoption of staggered terms for 2019, the Vice-President and Secretary shall be elected for a 1-year term and the positions will come up for election to begin every even-number year thereafter. The President and the Treasurer shall be elected for a 2-year term and the positions will come up for election to begin every odd-number year thereafter."~~

Proposed deletion last sentence of Article IV, Section 6:

~~"...A club member will not serve as Treasurer more than two (2) consecutive terms."~~

Proposed Change 2

Additional subparagraph for Article IV, Section 2:

"All officer positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) will be elected annually to 1-year terms. Upon the election of the offices of President and Vice President, a review of all committee leads will be performed by the President-elect and Vice President-elect for the decision as to retain or replace committee leads to ensure alignment with the new administration's goals, operational efficiency, and the successful implementation of the incoming team's policy agenda."

What Happens Next?

- The Bylaws require that any proposed changes to the Bylaws shall be made available to the members for review at least three weeks prior to the vote on the proposal.
- The proposed changes will be posted to the Members-only section of the NOARC Website after this meeting for review by the members.
- The proposed changes will be voted on at the August business meeting. Approval requires a 2/3 vote of the members present at that meeting.