



NORTH OKALOOSA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Minutes for Business Meeting held 13 August 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 Craig, W4CRY

Introductions were made around the room and for Zoom participants.

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 online (late joining)

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Opening Remarks – DJ KI4ZER

KQ4CGN Silent Key: The President read the following announcement:

It is with a heavy heart that we report the loss of a wonderful soul. Michelle Canterbury (KQ4CGN) unexpectedly passed away this weekend. Phillip Canterbury (N4PRC) has informed us of the untimely passing. We ask that you allow for privacy during this time. Any further news or announcements will come in due order. Michelle was truly a genuine person, caring, compassionate, friendly, and supportive of all who she came across. She will be sorely missed. Please keep her family and Husband in your thoughts during this time of bereavement.

Viewing is scheduled for 1000 on Monday 17 August with services at 1100.

The President also asked for prayers for Rob KM4SPJ who is undergoing surgery.

Secretary's Report – Mike W4BZM

The Minutes for July 2026 have been posted on the NOARC website.

The 2025 Annual Report is available online and (by request) hard copy.

NOARC's club registration with ARRL has been updated. 58% of NOARC's members are also ARRL members, which keeps us qualified as an ARRL affiliated club (criteria 51%)

There was no official correspondence.

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 31 July 2026:

Savings account:	\$4,155.92
Checking account:	\$3,030.06
Petty Cash fund	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Total	\$7,285.98

Monthly income and expenditures were not reported.

NOARC currently has 56 Full Members and 4 Associate Members.

Acceptance of Officers' Reports

Motion to accept Officers' Reports was made by Rob, K4HST, seconded by Quennie, KQ4FRB, and passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education and Advancement Committee – Bob KN4UDT

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

Technical Nights:

- The July Tech Night was a discussion of Field Day (What went well? What didn't? What can we change for next year?), led by John N8JDD.
- The August Tech Night will be "Why Resonance is Not Always the SWR Sweet Spot" by Bob KN4UDT

Station Committee – (position vacant, DJ KI4ZER reporting)

- A workday was held at the Club station on 25 July, beginning at 0930 CDT. An extensive clean-out of the shack was conducted.
- Live Oak Baptist Church has given permission to NOARC to “own” Building G in its entirety. This provides options for a new layout for the club station. Anyone with suggestions for configuration are asked to provide draft plans to the Board.
- The NOARC trailer and other equipment was moved back to Live Oak Baptist Church for storage.

Activities Committee – John N8JDD

Past Events:

- A workday was held on 25 July as previously discussed. Participants were:

DJ KI4ZER	Queenie KQ4FRB	John N8JDD
Jon KI4UMT	Robert KM4VKY	Bob KN4UDT
Mike W4BZM	Craig KK4WDQ (now W4CRY)	Juanita

Future Events:

- 12 September (?): America 250 parade in Crestview? NOARC has not been contacted to support. If contacted, John N8JDD will need someone else to take the lead due to personal commitments.
- Sometime in December: Crestview Christmas Parade

Administrative Committee – (Rob KM4SPJ absent, DJ KI4ZER reporting)

The current insurance policy for equipment expires 07 October. Payment is already approved as part of 2026 Annual Budget.

Webmaster – Robert KM4VKY

“Looking fine”. If any members have suggestions for improvement to the web page, please contact the Webmaster, Robert, KM4VKY.

Hamfest Committee – “DJ”, KI4ZER

Sixty tables have been reserved from Eglin Special Services. (Thank you to our Treasurer, Derek KQ4LSX, for providing on-site payment.) The Crestview Community Center will provide another 25 tables. Joe, KN4UDS, was asked to coordinate with the American Legion for additional tables.

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.

Acceptance of Committee Reports

Motion to accept Committee Reports was made by Dave, WB4EWS, seconded by Queenie, KQ4FRB, and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Modification to NOARC Bylaws – DJ, KI4ZER

The proposed changes to Revision 12 of the Bylaws were briefed at the July business meeting, have been posted on the NOARC website for a month, and are included in the posted July Minutes. The President again reviewed the changes and answered questions. Approval required a 2/3 majority of members present, which was 14 of the 21 members attending either in person or on Zoom. A vote was taken. The changes were approved unanimously. Revision 13 will take effect immediately and will be posted in its entirety on the NOARC website.

Talk To Santa's Elves – John, N8JDD

Not discussed.

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

No longer an issue. Live Oak Baptist Church has repaired the audio/visual equipment for the Fellowship Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Removal of NOARC equipment from the WAAZ tower – DJ, KI4ZER

Less than 48 hours before this meeting, NOARC was notified that we need to remove our equipment and antennas from the WAAZ tower within 30 days or pay \$2000 per month rent. This was a business decision by the radio station's owner.

NOARC-owned repeater equipment needs to be removed as soon as possible. The antennas will require a tower climb. Daniel KK4VAX offered to perform the climb at no charge.

Both the 2-meter repeater and the 70 cm repeater will go off the air while a substitute site is located. The NOARC Board is currently working on finding the right site and filing the right paperwork to restore services but needs time to execute their duties. This includes interaction with the Florida Department of Transportation, Okaloosa County, and the City of Crestview. There are some potential, existing sites where antenna infrastructure exists but is no longer being used.

A DB-4 repeater is available from the W4RH estate if necessary.

Craig, W4CRY and the GCVTN Manager, noted that the Gulf Coast VHF Training Net is an important resource to ensure repeaters are still working, and questioned whether the GCVTN could be held using the ARES repeater at Duke Field.

A member questioned whether the DSTAR repeater would also be affected. Robert, KM4VKY, stated that the DSTAR repeater was owned by the EOC, and any arrangements would be handled separately from the NOARC discussions.

Tim, KN4WOO, asked when the repeaters would cease operation. DJ, KI4ZER, forecast that it would be “sooner than later”.

The President ended the discussion with a request that NOARC members refrain from making any calls to the station, personal observations on social media, or otherwise commenting on the situation. The decision to rent out the tower space to other (paying) customers was a valid business decision by the WAAZ owners, and NOARC has no basis to criticize that decision.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

Mentoring Minute

Not held due to the length of the meeting.

The business meeting was adjourned at 2006 CDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike W4BZM
NOARC Secretary

APPENDIX 1: ATTENDANCE

Members in Person	Members online
Mike Behr, W4BZM	Don Safer, KC6IPO
John Duren, N8JDD	Bob Hurley, KN4UDT
Rob Rosenberger, K4HST	Bill Williams, KQ4ATC
Robert Dallons, KM4VKY	Bill Turney, WS4Y
Tim Terrell, KN4WOO	Don Busbee, KR4YXX
Derek Hoffnung, KQ4LSX	Joseph Feliccia, KN4UDS
Lynnette Percival, N7UTQ	Michele Feliccia, KQ4WKC
Andrew Percivaol, N2PDK	
Walter Waddell, KQ4LAY	
"DJ" Stewart, KI4ZER	Associate Members attending
Queenie Barrientos, KQ4FRB	Maria Stewart
Tyler Stewart, KQ4ACS	Juanita Young
David Hayden, WB4EWS	
Craig Young, W4CRY	Associate Members online
Jon Baughman, KI4UMT	None
	Guests in attendance
	None
	Guests online
	Daniel Horne, KK4VAX

Total voting membership: 56

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.