



# NORTH OKAOOSA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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## MINUTES BUSINESS MEETING 14 May 2020

### Opening (7:00 PM)

- Meeting conducted on 147.36.
- NOARC ROLL CALL

### Opening Comments:

- Bob Murphy KI4MEU
  - Requesting Unanimous Consent and if there is any objection we will have a vote.

## Officer's Reports

### Secretary's Report – Ralph KM4JJS

- Minutes are posted for May 2020.

### Treasurer's Report – Steve N4GXX

- Checking Account: \$5641.78
- Savings Account: \$2679.75
- Total Bank Equity: \$8321.53

### Executive Board Report – Bob Murphy KI4MEU

- NOARC Cyber Meeting.

➤ **Motion to accept** all officer reports: Motion Carries by Unanimous consent.

## Club Committee Reports

### ◆ Education and Advancement Committee – W4BZM

- **As of 1 June New Extra exam questions will be out and used.**
- Looking at Ham School Syllabus to be used for the next Technician class.
- Bruce KA5DLV is looking into Remote & Virtual exams and Training.
- Bruce stated he will try to make a face to face Test Session in June 2020.
- See Addendum attached to minutes.



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- ◆ Tech Night – Rob K4SPJ
    - ICS Forms for the Ham.
  - ◆ Station Committee – Bob N4CU
    - Ron KI5FR asked if the Club station was in use? Club station can be used. They are very careful of cleaning the Club station after use.
  - ◆ Activities – Rich N4DPM
  - ◆ Youth Committee – Scott KF6LEC & Kathy KM4YOH
    - No Report
  - ◆ ARES (non-club report) – Steve N4GXX
    - ARES 0730 – 100 Hurricane exercise. 3955 Frequency. Tallahassee weather service is running it.
  - ◆ Web Master
    - Installing a Chat room in the members only area.. It will be labeled NOARC CYBER MEETING for use when our Business Meetings are done on the air.
- Motion to accept all committee reports: Unanimous Consent.

## Old Business

- ◆ Survey about doing these meetings on air and it was passed.

## New Business

- ◆ Field Day coming. Scot – Senior Center is still available to us. We must abide by the safe spacing of being 6 feet apart. Also must maintain 10 operators. We will not be having the communal meal at this time due to the COVID-19 virus protocols.
  - People should vote if they want a Field Day at the Club or at home. That is if things open up beforehand. If you want to vote, go on the website log your



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call sign and type in “Club” if you want it at the Club or “Home” if you want to do this from home.

◆ **General going through what others have done during shelter in place.**

- Craig KK4WDQ – 2 items. 1) Doing an install of an HF rig into his Truck. 2) For the Net Control Manager for the Gulf Coast training Net, Searching for 1-2 operators for the Net at 2000 hours.
- WB4EWS – 40 Meters has been open from 1915 till 2100 hours. He fixed his keyer and has been doing some CW with it.
- Steve N4GXX – 2 items: 1) This Saturday, 2 days, ARES 0730-1100, Hurricane Ham exercise on 3955 or 7242 (if 3955 fails) Freq. Being put on by the Tallahassee Weather Service. They’ll be using SARNET 75 and 40 meters. Local Frequency they will be using will be 147.030. 2) On propagation, 10 & 6 have been open sporadically.
- Steve N4GXX Forms used will be the ones used on Tech night. WINLINK is also authorized.
- N4DPM – Since the Dayton Hamvention has been cancelled, there will be a Ham QSO party this Saturday, from 0700 till 1900.
- W4BZM – There are two contests coming up soon.

The PODXS 070 club is hosting a Three Day Weekend contest for PSK-31 operations. It will run from 29 through 31 May. The contest is open to all hams – it is not necessary to be a member of the PODXS 070 club.

The Feld Hell club will hold its “Full Day of Hell” sprint for users of the Hellschreiber mode on 30 May.

Further details for both contests will be provided on the NOARC Facebook page and website.



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**President's Remarks (Bob Murphy – KI4MEU)  
Meeting closed at 1938 Hrs.**

## ADDENDUM

Bob Murphy, KI4MEU and Ralph Zecco, KM4JJS, President & Secretary of NOARC Respectively  
FROM: Bruce Adams, KA5DLV  
DATE: Wednesday, May 14, 2020  
SUBJECT: Committee Report from Training and Advancement for 05/14/2020 Business Meeting

1. At the January 2020 NOARC Tech Night, Bill McAlpin (WD9GIU) presented a session on "Growing Your Ham Radio Club" and introduced the syllabus available from HamRadioSchool.com.

Since then, the Education and Advancement Committee has been investigating the syllabus and training aids available from HamRadioSchool.com for the Technician and General licenses. W4BZM and KA5DLV have registered as instructors with the school and have been granted access to the presentation materials. HamRadioSchool uses a different license manual than the ARRL manual, with a lighter, more readable approach.

The presentations are professionally prepared, visually stimulating, and do not require independent development by the instructors. The order of presentation for the Technician License is much less intimidating to prospective hams, covering operating issues first and technical information last. Practice tests for the students are available at no charge on the HamRadioSchool.com web site, keyed to each chapter. The committee intends to try the HamRadioSchool.com syllabus during the next Technician and General classes as an alternative to the home-grown syllabus we have used in the past.

2. Due to the "safer at home" restrictions currently in place for the Corona virus, the Education and Advancement Committee has not scheduled any license classes which require physical attendance at a classroom. We are investigating the possibility of holding a Technician class via Zoom or some other conferencing software in the near future. Currently, we are aware of seven potential students for a Technician Class. If the NOARC members are aware of possible interest in a Technician class, please refer potential students to Bruce KA5DLV or Mike W4BZM, and we will put them on a distribution list.

3. I continue investigating into remote and virtual exams, as stated in his May 4 th email to the club. This includes the software to administer the exams and the use of Zoom as a visual link / security link into the session. Any local or distant applicant wanting to try a remote or virtual exam, can start by registering at <https://hamstudy.org/sessions> Please make sure you are ready to pass because there is more time involved for the applicant, and a lot more time involved for the VE team. A presentation on this "may" be worthy later in the year.

4. A reminder that the current Extra question pool expires June 30, 2020, a little over a month



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from now, and a new question pool will be used for Extra exams.

5. I will attempt to schedule a face-to-face Test Session in June.