



NORTH OKAOOSA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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MINUTES BUSINESS MEETING 13 May 2021

Opening (7:00 PM)

- Pledge of allegiance (No Flag)
- Prayer
- Introductions
- Meeting conducted in Live Oak Baptist Church and on Zoom.

Opening Comments:

- If making a motion or seconding a motion, please use your call sign.

Officer's Reports

Secretary's Report – Ralph KM4JJS

- Minutes are posted for 13 May 2021 NOARC Business MTG
- Secretary's Report approved: 1st: WB4EWS; 2ND: KK4WDQ

□ Treasurer's Report – Bob Hurley (KN4UDT)

- Total Bank Equity: \$9,436.89
- Treasurer's Report approved: 1st: KM4VKY; 2ND: N4GXX

Executive Board Report – Bob Murphy KI4MEU

- **Motion to accept** all officer reports: Motion Carries

Club Committee Reports

- ◆ Education and Advancement Committee (KA5DLV)
 - The committee is still looking for **Elmers** to help the new hams.
 - Mike is working on an Elmer Checklist for General Licensees, to serve as a starting point to assist both parties in items to cover. It will be a "working document", and should be viewed as a guide, not one that is cut-in-stone.



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- ◆ Tech Night – KA5DLV
 - This month's Tech Night will be "Go Boxes and Go Kits" by Alex, KC7MEX, presented from the church.

- ◆ Station Committee – N4CU
 - Station Report:
 - On Sat, May 8, 2021 at 11:30 AM Bob Walker N4CU
<n4cu@s125890533.onlinehome.us> wrote:

The two stations with antenna installation is working at the LOBC building G2 and, with the library, is available to all member when not in use by the church. The liaison with the church is Ron, KI5FR. Members who have keys are custodians of keys owned by the NOARC to the cabinets. Key holders are responsible to NOARC to use their keys and should return them to the station manager if they cannot or do not meet their responsibility. The station manager is responsible for the club station inventory and no individual should remove club property from G3 without the station manager approval. Members may add equipment or books to the library and should notify the station manager. If equipment or books are added to the building and the station manager notified that they prefer it is a loan, it can remain with the station manager as custodian.

The station manager is willing the accept suggestions for improvements to the station but is not responsible to be point person to implement them. If a suggestion is made for station improvements the station manager will expect that person to be point person to execute the suggestion.

Following are suggestions with and without point persons:

The station and NOARC equipment inventory are not longer adequate. A point person is established.

The AC on the East Side of the North wall is no longer working. A point person is established.



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Tree limbs are touching the dipole. No point person is established.

The guying may be inadequate. No point person is established.

The library inventory posted on the website is obsolete. No point person is established.

The surge protector in outlets in G2 are an important step to prevent another equipment damage disaster but the surge came through the LOBC power system. Better surge protection a LOBC is need and a point person is established.

If you wish to be a point person or have a suggestion, please notify me.

Respectfully,

Bob

- ◆ Activities – Rich N4DPM
 - No Report at this time.
- ◆ Youth Committee – Scott KF6LEC & Kathy KM4YOH
 - No Report at this time.

Motion to accept all committee reports: 1st: KZ4AAA 2nd: WB4EWS Motion passed.

Old Business

- HSU FOUNDATION: Need new point person. Robert will look into it and is interested in it.
Discussion: Still a work in progress. KM4VKY is the new point person.
- Field Day – Need new Field Day point person. Scott Money Penny no longer able to do it. Looking for someone to fill the position. Also need to make a decision on whether we are going to go back to an in person Field



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Day or continue one more year with a dispersed Field Day. The question was asked and it looks like we will be going back to an in person Field Day. Some discussion was done. N4GXX stated that if we do not have someone to fill Field Day point position that we will have to go back to a dispersed Field Day.

DISCUSSION: Discussion of what we are capable of completing. DJ and N4GXX looked over the Spanish Trail Park area to see what could be done. DJ offered to be the key player helping on Saturday but they will need someone in charge for Sunday. If enough people do not volunteer for Spanish Trail Park, Then as many as can will meet up at N4CU house to set up there. (Senior Center) The equipment must come down by Sunset Sunday.

2 Proposals. 1st is the Senior Center at the Trial Park. The 2nd is to do this at N4CU's house if we have a crew together which it seems we do.
Vote on having the field day at Spanish Park: 6 and 2 on line.
Vote on having the field day at N4CU's house/property: 6 and 2 on line.

New Vote for Spanish Trails, 5 votes.
New Vote for N4CU's house/property UNK.
Dispersed field day. 2 vote
Result: 2021 Field Day will be at N4CU's.

KI5FR stated he is willing to do the 2022 Field Day at Spanish Trail Park.

- Repeater – N4GXX has been requesting an apprentice to learn the repeater with an eye toward taking over one day. One person is highly interested and N4GXX was going to meet with him tonight. Looking for at least 2 people. At least able to climb the tower up to 250 feet where the Antenna is located.

DISCUSSION: Need multiple people due to the programing, hardware and climbing requirements. It is still a work in progress. (Positive)

- Try to put together a multiple person group to cover the multiple pieces,



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(Transmitter, programming, climbing the tower), of the Repeater.

DISCUSSION: Work in progress.

- N4GXX Yard maintenance is needed on the Repeater site. KM4SPJ has a 16ft flatbed trailer to transport yard equipment needed. There are 3 buildings and taking care of 30 ft around the buildings as well as weed eating.

DISCUSSION: N4GXX looked at the property before the day of people arriving to do the lawn and found that it was already done. N4GXX immediately got the word out to abort due to the work already being done.

- KI4ZER swap meet at the Church or a HamFest with PARC at the Crestview Community Center. There is interest by several vendors. Investigate in coordinating with PARC on doing a Swap Meet or HamFest in the North End of the county. KI5FR suggested that a HamFest may not be able to put together in 2 months but a Tailgate us doable and can put us into the position to have a position of a 2022 HamFest.
- DISCUSSION: No one has obligated to anything. The Church said we can have it free of charge. Other locations we can have this at will charge us money which we can make back charging people as they come in. 1st alternate location is the Crestview community center, (\$500 down and \$100 cleaning deposit which we get back after we clean up the place after ourselves.) Other location is Spanish Trail Park. (\$400 down with a \$100 deposit.)
At any of these locations, we can set up a ham radio exhibit to show the public what we do. The date is looking to be October 23rd for the event. PARC is willing to come on board with us.

Are we as a club willing to do a swap meet on 23 October 2021. Motion for 23 Oct 2021: 1st: KI4ZER 2nd: WB4EWS. Motion passed.

Motion for having it at Crestview Community Center: 1ST: KI4ZER 2ND: WB4EWS Motion Passed.



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New Business

- Live Oak Baptist Church has a need for help park guests on the 22 May 2021. (0800 to 1200 hrs) KI4MEU will take point on this event. Contact him if you are willing to work it. Motion: 1ST: KI4MEU 2nd: KI4ZER. Motion passes.
- Announcement: KB2OBQ is on deployment and would like to set up some HF contacts with the States. They are using 20 and 40 meters split frequencies as well as a few military ones. The hours are 1530-0200 hrs Crestview time. The information is on the NOARC Facebook page. (No Vote Required)
- INFORMATION: Station Grounding. (K04FNK) This covered grounding according to the Electrical Code and Ham Standard Practices. Our station does not meet specs.

Club Station power panel, we have a strap between the ground bar and the neutral bar. This is an NEC code violation.

The Towering grounding conductors and the earth electrodes are not bonded to the system ground at the Club house distribution panel or at the incoming utility conductor.

Coax cable shields and the ladder line from the antennas are not bonded or referenced to the grounding system before entering the building.

The communication systems in the building are not affectively bonded to the system. To correct this is the installation of a grounding buss inside the station connected to the system ground. (Multiple systems like the rotator control, power supply, etc. need a connection to this buss.) No vote required.

Disburse this on the NOARC website in the Members section.



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President's Remarks (Bob Murphy – KI4MEU)

- Donation for the Church accepted in the donation Pail.
- Remember the Sign In Sheet.
- Adjourn for Burger King on South Ferdon.