
Minutes for NRARC, Inc. – March 13, 2023

Call to Order - A regular monthly meeting of The Bill Gremillion Memorial Radio Club, Inc. **DBA, NEWNAN REGIONAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** was held on March 13, 2023, at the Madras Community Center, Highway 29 north. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. and was presided over by President Gary Beckstedt, WB4GMB, and club Secretary Rick Melville, KK4DDK. The meeting was begun with an opening prayer led by Larry Chappell.

Attendees:

Voting members in attendance can be seen on the check-in sheet.
The Secretary noted that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion by Walter Jones, Jr. and second by Bob Proffitt to approve the minutes of the February 2023. Motion carried by voice vote with no one voting against the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Walter Jones, Jr. reported the following:

The February 2023 Treasure's report:

Most receipt activity for the year was from the receipt of 2023 dues and an Amazon donation. A payment was made for \$624.00 for Web Site Domain covering two years.

Ending balance: \$ 1,239.44 approximately

Presented by Walter Jones, Jr., Treasurer - Walter@WalterJones.com (678) 522-3574

Old Business:

President Gary called on Secretary Rick Melville for a discussion of the results of further study into having "CLOSED repeaters" for the club and whether the club properly voted on a "Closed Repeater" system in February. Rick stated that a further reading of the bylaws revealed the following from Article VII, Sec. 2:

Article VII, SECTION 2 – The right of individuals to use the Club's repeaters:

"Repeaters that are Club assets shall be 'open' for licensed amateur operators with privileges to use the associated frequency bands and modes (U.S. Technician class and higher licensees, and foreign licensees with Technician-class- equivalent or higher granted privileges in the U.S. through reciprocal licensing agreements, etc.)".

It was reported to the club by Rick that to formally close the repeaters, it would require a change to the By-Laws. The action of the club in February did not constitute a By-Law change. The vote taken in February did not formally accomplish any action. After many members voicing their opinions and an open discussion held, it was mutually agreed by all that the February vote was invalid for the purpose it was thought to be intended.

The membership, by informal acceptance, agreed that the February vote was invalid and that our repeater system has never been anything other than an OPEN system. No further action was taken concerning the club's repeater status from Open to Closed. The club's repeaters are considered OPEN.

New Business:

Gary Beckstedt, President recognized Rick Melville, chairman of the Committee to study repeater usage, memberships & fundraising.

Rick made the following motion to amend the Associated Document "**Current Membership Structure**".

Motion: The following language be added to the "**Current Membership Structure**" and replace the current language concerning Full and Associate Members.

"**Full Members** may elect to change their membership level at any point in the year to **Associate Member**. This change also comes with the understanding that the member will no longer have the same expectation of participation as a Full Member. The Full Member may change to Associate Member by contacting the Secretary in writing. This change will not result in any refund of dues.

Associate Members may elect to change their membership level at any point in the year to **Full Member**. The Associate Member must contact the Secretary in writing and remit the difference in dues from Associate Member to Full Member to the Treasurer. Dues will not be prorated. In addition, after approval to upgrade their membership, the upgraded member must attend two monthly business meetings with no voting privileges. The two meetings do not have to be consecutive. The upgraded member will be granted voting privileges beginning with their attendance at the third business meeting AFTER the upgrade."

Motion seconded by Larry Chappell. The vote taken was in the affirmative and the motion passed.

No further business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Melville

Date of Approval - TBD
