

Minutes for NRARC, Inc. – February 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 February 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 and second to approve the minutes of the January 2023. Motion carried by voice vote with no one voting against the motion.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made to adopt the proposed agenda. The motion carried by a voice vote with no one voting against the motion.

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

The January 2023 Treasure's report:

Most receipt activity 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: \$1,200.00 approximately

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

New Business:

Gary Beckstedt, President recognized Rick Melville, chairman of the Committee to study repeater usage, memberships & fundraising. Other members of the study committee were Carl Bellamy, & Todd Walker.

Rick stated that the committee met in January. Carl Bellamy made several suggestions to improve membership and attendance. Rick made several suggestions about possible fundraising ideas. Todd made the observation that our repeaters may be improperly used and that some calls on the repeater use bad language, some do not announce call signs every 10 minutes, and some users converse for long periods of time thus not allowing others to make calls. It was also noted that some users are local hams but are not dues paying members of NRARC to support the maintenance of the equipment.

Todd Walker informed the meeting that it is possible to vote to make the current repeater system a CLOSED repeater system. This is being done by other clubs and is sanctioned by the FCC. Todd mentioned several ways to ensure a closed repeater system however, the club did not vote to accept any means to enforce a closed system.

E J Bauman made a motion that NRARC adopt a status of CLOSED repeaters. The motion was seconded by Scott Marlow. The motion passed with two votes in opposition.

A motion was made by Larry Chappell to table any discussion on how the club might enforce a CLOSED system until our March meeting. The motion was seconded by Frank Kimble. The motion passed without opposition.

President Gary asked Rick Melville, secretary, to email all members with email addresses on file, to let them know the March meeting will have a discussion of enforcements and may include a vote if a motion is made at that time.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Melville

Date of Approval - TBD
