May 17, 2023

FNRW Board Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Bob Kleinbrahm-Chair

Kate Dougherty-Secretary

Kent Oster-Technical Expert

Steve Allred, Technical Expert

Sue Wilson, At Large Member

Absent: Deidre Meuller-Acting Treasurer

AGENDA:

1. Welcome.
2. Approve Minutes of April 19, 2023 meeting.
3. Treasurer’s Report.
4. Old Business.
5. Volunteers needed for Set-up & Tear-down SmokeChasers event.
6. Prep for SC event.
7. Sign-up sheets for SC event.
8. FNRW brochure.
9. Advertising.
10. SC staffing.
11. Equipment for SmokeChasers demonstrations
12. New Business.
13. Need someone to follow up on potential New/Prospective Members.
14. Radio stock.
15. Net Control fill ins for 5/24 & 5/31.
16. FNRW picnic for members.
17. Ideas for boosting participation in weekly Net sessions for Lockwood NRW.
18. Questions/Comments.
19. Adjournment.

TOPIC 1: Review of Minutes from April 19, 2023

DISCUSSION: Sue Wilson created blurb for Newsletter which was accepted.

CONCLUSION: Motion to approve and seconded. None opposed

ACTION: Minutes Approvded

TOPIC 2: Financial Report

Discussion: Reviewed Financial Report. Deidre Meuller will be acting treasurer, as Barb Reilly resigned.

CONCLUSION: Balance $513.47

ACTION: Consider Fund Raiser

TOPIC 3: OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION:

1. Still need more volunteers to set up and tear down for smoke chasers. Kent will call around.
2. Prep for Smoke Chasers event: We have power and extension cords. We also have: Table, chairs, coax, antenna, adapter, tripod, laptop, clipboards. 12 TK380 avaialable for sale.
3. Sign up Sheets: Bob will bring.
4. FNRW New Brochure: Sue completed and printed 100
5. Advertising: Radio interview did not work out.
6. Smoke Chasers Staffing: Need volunteers all day
7. Equipment for Smoke Chasers demonstrations: See item b. above.

CONCLUSION: We are well organized for the event.

ACTION: Set up Friday night and Saturday morning.

TOPIC 4: New Business

1. Sign ups for new members: Kate Dougherty will follow up with sign ups.
2. Radio Stock: We have 12 Radios in Stock
3. Net Control substitutes for 5/24 and 5/31: Kent Oster and Sue Wilson will substitute.
4. FNRW Picnic: June 4th at Sue Wilson’s 1:00 – 5:00 Pot Luck
5. Possible Town Hall: June 17 with speaker and radio promotion. Kate Dougherty is working on it.
6. Lockwood: They need support because of poor participation. Encourage them to link their 2 repeaters.

CONCLUSION: SEE FOLLOW UPS ABOVE

ACTION: Will review at next meeting.

FNRW P&L

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| **Date** | **Category** | **Payor/Payee** | **Payment Type** | **Amount Credit** | **Amount Debit** | **Note** |
| 4/1/2023 |   |   |   | 1716.30 |   | P&L as of Jan 2023 |
| 1/1-4/30/2023 |   |   |   | 125.00 | -108.29 | Batteries |
| 1/1-4/30/2023 |   |   |   |   | -132.31 | Antennae |
| 5/11/2023 | FNRW | Bob Kleinbrahm | Ck 3109 |   | -292.23 | Radio tower maintenance |
| 5/11/2023 | FNRW | Don Montesanti | Cash | 85 |  | Radio purchased by individual |
| 5/11/2023 | FNRW | Joe Pardini | Cash | 20 |  | Battery purchased by individual |
| 5/16/2023 | FNRW | Bob Kleinbrahm | Ck 3111 |   | -900.00 | Radios purchased by FNRW |
| **Balance** |   |   |   | **513.47** |   | As of May 16, 2023 |

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APPROVED BLURB FOR NEWSLETTER

Fiddletown Neighborhood Radio Watch (FNRW) is part of a growing group of neighbors throughout our Sierra Foothill community who alert each other about impending fires and other emergencies.

We use inexpensive GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service) handheld and base station radios through our repeater system. Our signals travel many miles over mountainous terrain.

FNRW members knew of the Caldor Fire just minutes after it broke out, which allowed for early planning and sound decisions.

But the radio network isn’t just for fire safety alerts: during this wet snowy winter, neighbors alerted neighbors about downed trees and flooded roads, and assisted each other with emergency supplies as needed.

Radios work when phones go out!  During recent cell and landline phone outages, FNRW members could communicate via our network.

We keep each other safe!

To learn more or to get a radio, go to our website:

<http://fiddletowncc.org/radio/>