

**FNRW Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes**  
**6:00 PM Wednesday, January 22, 2025**

**ATTENDEES:**

Bob Kleinbrahm - Chairman  
David Swager – Co-Chair  
Kent Oster – Technical Expert  
Lisa Cunningham – Secretary  
Sue Wilson – Member at Large  
Marci Swager – Member at Large  
Lana Dykstra – Member at large

**ABSENT:**

Deirdre Mueller - Treasurer  
Steve Allred – Technical Expert

The meeting started at 6:00 PM. December meeting minutes were discussed, seconded and approved as submitted. Bob gave the treasurer's report. Current balance in our account is \$7148.87. Deirdre will submit a detailed report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Installation of solar panels on the Cobble Ridge Repeater shed is still outstanding with members planning to schedule a date to install them.
- Bob offered to host a live planning session at his home, date TBD. Topics for discussion can include but are not limited to fundraising, community outreach, spending projections, equipment costs, etc. Dave will email board members a questionnaire to prepare the agenda for this 2025 planning meeting.

**New Business**

- Laughton Ranch is now up and running with 3 new radios, extending the reach of our network to the Jackson area. Their radios are programmed to GMRS frequencies. An added bonus, the frequency can receive one-way CalFire communications. On behalf of the owners, their rep. Becky McKenna has requested a base station, (viability TBD), for the main residence on the ranch.
- One of our new radio users from Sutter Creek has requested more information regarding a new Neighborhood Radio Watch system for the Sutter Creek area. Due to the hilly terrain in their area, reception/communications from our repeaters is spotty. They have inquired about the feasibility of adding another frequency

and antennas, etc., to service the Sutter Creek area. Bob offered to give them guidance for the process.

- Since our last meeting, two more generous donations were received totaling \$900. Lisa has mailed thank-you notes to the two donors, Don McCook and Dave Swager.
- Annual board member elections were discussed. The Board unanimously approved the current members' roles to remain unchanged.
- Sadly, the Los Angeles area continues to experience active wildfires and fire threats due to dry conditions and high winds, a reminder of the value of neighborhood radio communications during disasters. FNRW's success is due to our technical experts, volunteers, and most importantly, the collaboration of our committed members. We routinely have 25-28 users check-in on Wednesday's weekly NET. In addition, HAM radio operators have begun to notice GMRS as a reliable and valuable alternative for communications and they, too, have acknowledged the value of our system.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.