

**FNRW Board Meeting Minutes**  
**5:30 PM Thursday, April 17, 2025**

**ATTENDEES:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Lana Dykstra – Member at large  
Steve Allred – Technical Expert  
Deirdre Mueller - Treasurer

The meeting started at 5:30 pm via Zoom. March meeting minutes were discussed, seconded and approved as submitted. Bob gave the treasurer's report. Current balance in our account is \$8668.87.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Installation of solar panels on the Cobble Ridge repeater shed is planned for Saturday, May 3, 2025. Bob and Kent have plans to install them on the southside of the shed. Members plan to bring weed trimmers as well to clear access to the shed.
- May 31, 2025 we will be co-hosting a Town Hall meeting with OES at the FCC. FNRW will present information regarding evacuation and emergency communications through the use of GMRS followed by a fundraiser lunch. Flyers announcing the event will be posted in various locations in the community over the course of the next few weeks. Bob will send an email blast to all the GMRS members. Sue will send the information to the Ledger dispatch and Deirdre will post it in the May newsletter.
- Bob continues to work with the representative from the ETA at Laughton Ranch, Becky McKenna. Plans are being made to do a test drill in the field at the ranch and create a perimeter map to test the signal on-site.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- In order to better define GMRS and FNRW's role in the community, Bob would like to emphasize that GMRS is not the same as Ham radio. We want to promote FNRW and GMRS as a reliable and valuable communications service available to the community when traditional services are inoperable.
- Various ways to promote FNRW were suggested such as social media, a Facebook page, Newsletters, the Ledger Dispatch, etc. Further discussion is needed.
- Lisa suggested offering educational outreach to youth organizations in the county such as the Scouts, homeschooled students, public schools, etc., to further fulfill an educational component for our organization. Lisa offered to investigate those opportunities and their respective requirements. In addition, she will email Board members a draft mission statement that describes our organization for the Board to review and approve at the next meeting.
- Sue offered her expertise to create a dynamic audio/visual presentation to represent FNRW at the May 31st meeting. We reviewed the draft of her script for a mock-up emergency situation which focuses on the use of the radios in emergencies including appropriate messaging and information sharing, how our radio operators receive information from the emergency responders, how to properly forward that information, and real life scenarios of potential hazards that result in needed emergency aid to the neighborhood. Sue and Dave agreed to meet on the week of April 29th after 5:00 pm to test methods to create a short 3 minute audio/visual production and confirm technical feasibility.
- For the production, Sue requested that we source photos and videos from prior events to use in the video, particularly ones of snow and fallen trees and wildfire shots. Bob will provide a map that shows our signal range and coverage. Bob and/or other members will reach out to contacts such as CalFire, folks with radio scanners, etc. who may have recordings to add to the presentation.
- For lunch after the meeting, Dave has generously offered to make pulled pork sandwiches. He will provide the meat, buns and sauce, (costs to be reimbursed). Lisa will purchase the sodas, water, plates, forks, chips, coleslaw mix, etc., (costs to be reimbursed.) We will sell the meal at \$10 for the sandwich with coleslaw, and chips plus \$2 for a drink. Orders can be sold to go.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.