

FNRW Board Meeting Minutes
6:00 PM June 17, 2026

ATTENDEES:

Bob Kleinbrahm - Chairman
David Swager – Co-Chair
Kent Oster – Technical Expert
Marci Swager – Member at Large

ABSENT:

Steve Allred – Technical Expert
Lisa Cunningham – Secretary
Sue Wilson – Member at Large
Deirdre Mueller - Treasurer

The meeting started at 6:00 PM via Zoom. April meeting minutes were discussed, seconded and approved as submitted. No meeting was held in May. Bob gave the treasurer's report and our current bank balance is \$10,462.33 minus ~\$100 for TID radios that he purchased.

OLD BUSINESS

- The emergency evacuation drill performed in the Rolling Oaks and Ponderosa Way Firewise communities was successful. A couple of important items were identified during the practice, such as the placement of keys needed to enter locked properties. They are located in a lock box on the fire engines that require a code to open the lockbox. Also, Amador Fire took the opportunity to stage an impromptu downed fire personnel drill.

NEW BUSINESS

- Unfortunately due to low interest and participation for the Emergency Evacuation Drill planned for June 20th on Lower and Upper Tyler Road, Kayla Dale made the call to cancel the drill. *Firewise leads and FNRW members made efforts to inform the community by delivering fliers to neighbors' homes, messaging on social media outlets and the Fiddler Newsletter, announcing the event on the Safety NETs and even making phone calls to neighbors that yielded very little response. Further ideas for how to engage the community is warranted and should be discussed.
- Bob purchased four more TID radios during the flash sale that includes longer antennas, a battery and a mike for \$45/radio.

- It was agreed that a schedule designating the weekly NET Control operator is needed to manage the various volunteers who want to run a weekly NET. This will be an ongoing process to determine who wants to help and when. FNRW Board members can volunteer at the monthly meeting and Dave offered to email non-Board members who may choose to help. More will be decided regarding mobile radio equipment access for NET Control operators to ensure reliable communication for the controller. Note that the new app that Dave provided is a good tool to use when performing the NET, particularly for capturing the early check-in callers.
- The Board agreed that an in person Board meeting should be held soon at the FCC to discuss these important issues.
- The following is the NET schedule for the next three weeks:
June 24th - Kent, July 1st - Bob, and July 8th - Marci.
- There was discussion regarding member participation, particularly for the weekly NET check-ins. There appear to be various reasons for lack of participants, but there is also concern that folks may be complacent since there hasn't been a fire emergency in the past fire seasons since the Caldor fire. Other potential factors affecting participation from the community will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Dave mentioned that the Board still needs to follow-up with how we want to use the funds/donations we now hold in our account, i.e. what to purchase, needed upgrades to the system, and amount to be held in reserves. Kent mentioned that the 6 volt batteries are aging out and should be replaced, recommending a 400 amp/hour lithium ion battery instead.
- Bob reported that he continues to advise the Lockwood group. He pointed out their importance toward helping maintain a first line of defense to the Fiddletown community, however, even though they have improved their system and membership somewhat, they have ongoing issues that may prevent them from maintaining regular weekly NET Controls.
- To bring community outreach and awareness of FNRW and what we do, etc., Dave, on the Board's behalf, initiated our first news article to the monthly Fiddler online publication. Going forward, he requested other volunteers write articles, possibly Sue and Lisa, to submit on a monthly basis. This will be added as an agenda item for the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

*Lisa's post meeting comment