

FNRW Board Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2026

ATTENDEES:

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

ABSENT:

Deirdre Mueller - Treasurer

The meeting started at 6:00 pm via Zoom. July meeting minutes were discussed, seconded and approved as submitted. Bob gave the treasurer's report and stated that the latest balance for our account is \$8722.35 with another \$250.00 yet to be deposited to the account.

OLD BUSINESS

- No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- The mobile radio is ready for volunteer controllers to use for the weekly Net. It's a compact and portable unit that has an antenna with a "pigtail" for the coax that can be easily plugged in. Steve pre-programmed the radio for both the Cobble Ridge (CR) and Red Mule (RM) receivers. He also recommended that we add a 10 ft. to 12ft. power cord to stay with the mobile station.
- It was suggested that the Board purchase a few more mobile stations to provide to regular control volunteers.
- Steve reported that the new duplexer is tuned and ready to be installed at the CR site. Other to-do items at the site include 1.) extending the antenna approximately 10 ft. in height to increase the signal range over the canyons, and 2.) reorganizing the battery rack to exchange the old batteries for the new ones. Steve will take the repeater offline to make needed changes to the system sometime in November after the fire threat has ended.

In the meantime, Bob, Kent, Dave and Lisa will meet, (date TBD), at the site to make necessary improvements for the upcoming installation of the new equipment.

- Dave created a Google calendar with the Net volunteer schedule that covers every Wednesday in August, September and October. The calendar can be easily accessed online. Each volunteer will be responsible to cover the Net on their assigned date or find a replacement if their availability changes.
- Dave presented and the Board approved an amended script for the Wednesday Nets. He also created a program that provides real-time data that records user attendance. In addition, the Board agreed to implement a policy, programmed into the data sorting, that will remove a member from the roster after six consecutive absences. The member will be reinstated to the roster once again at the time they participate in a Wednesday Net check-in by letting the controller know they are present.
- Dave created a survey to send to all FNRW members giving them an opportunity to provide feedback regarding the radio program. Board members are encouraged to review the survey before it is emailed to community members.

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