

Date: 16 June 2021

To: All NBARC Members:

From: NBARC Board;

Mary KJ4HDJ, President,

Gary KJ4BOJ, Vice President

Ed K5TUD, Treasurer

Mikee KE4MWZ, Director at Large

On 10 June, NBARC held its regular monthly meeting, as required by the State of FL. and our Bylaws, with the following 7 members in attendance:

Mary KJ4HGJ, Gary KJ4BOJ, Ed K5TUD, Mikee KE4MWZ,
Mike F. N1RFD, Mike T. KM4CBT, Victor KO4MPD

The Meeting was called to order by Mary at 7pm, and adjourned at 8:48pm.

Below is the meeting summary, a copy of which will be presented at our July meeting for additions, corrections, and approval by the voting members present, and will then comprise the official NBARC June meeting minutes.

During the meeting a number of relevant questions were asked by the members present; these, with the answers given, are summarized below:

1. How is the Work of NBARC and ARES Related -

NBARC, by our charter, operates primarily in support of Emergency Communications; we do this by owning, operating, and funding a suite of four repeaters, which then are generally available for use by all listened amateurs, subject to all applicable FCC regulations. In addition we own and maintain a fully outfitted antenna trailer which is then available to provide additional coverage at alternate locations as needed (it will be at Field Day). In addition several of our Members have built and own a variety of Go Kits - some quite sophisticated - which can quickly provide remote EM Comm.

ARES, is primarily responsible for providing highly trained and properly certified personnel to operate in shelters in time of emergency. We work closely together, and both have members with overlapping membership. NBARC utilizes Ricky, the ARES Manager, to regularly test our repeaters.

2. How are the NBARC Officers and Board Members Appointed -

The State of FL, under whose registration and regulations we operate, specifies the four officers we must have; these officers are elected each year, from those members nominated, by vote of the eligible membership; then these duly elected officers ALSO comprise the NBARC Board of Directors. Our NBARC bylaws also permit the membership to elect one additional "Director at Large" (Currently, Mikee KE4MEZ), who can attend and participates in all Board Meetings, and can vote to break a tie, if necessary (in the same way that the USA Vice Pres. votes to break a tie in our Senate).

3. How is the Date and Location of our Annual Field Day Selected -

The date of Field day is set Nationally, as the last Saturday in June, with all participating Clubs or individual amateurs then free to participate as they desire. Some groups will do extensive contesting at their Field Day, often around the clock, under very specific rules set down by the ARRL. Others may simply hold events together, to practice their communication skills, etc.

NBARC, for the last several years (and for the one this year, on 26 June), has elected to hold our event at the Great Outdoors Pavilion, with the Tower Trailer set up near the lake (to provide a ground plane), then the equipment, and Mary's refreshments, set up in the adjacent air conditioned building; alternate venues for the next, and following, years can be suggested by ANY member who is willing to do the necessary work, for a vote by our members.

4. How is the Location of our Christmas Party Selected -

By discussion and vote of our members, usually at an early fall meeting, from locations which a member suggests, and is WILLING to personally arrange for, and which meets all of our Christmas meeting requirements;

available at 6pm on our regular Dec. Meeting date, with a sufficiently large meeting room or other reserved space, a varied menu, and separate checks! For the last few years (only!) Mary KJ4HDJ has been willing to take this on, with the Chinese Buffet selected; others, please, step up to the plate for this!

5. How Can Members Provide their Inputs or Activity Suggestions -

By providing them, at one or more of our monthly (or any other!) meetings, or by signing onto our weekly Tuesday Net, at 7pm, on our 330 repeater. If your work schedule or other activities preclude one of these; by writing, or calling, or emailing, to ANY or ALL of our Board members - at any hour - so that your suggestions or questions can be shared with the membership!

6. Need for Members to be Civil to one Another, in Meetings and Emails -

There was considerable discussion, both at the meeting by the Members present, and subsequently by your Board Members, of the unfortunate series of some very widely distributed "suggestions", concerning how some, or multiple, aspects of your NBARC is being run - these came primarily from two members who had not been otherwise involved in our meetings or nets, and even from, and echoed by, outsiders who are not even our members! Such communications are disruptive and unhelpful, and result only in QRN (static) which needless impedes our effort to all work productively together.

This will no longer be tolerated. If any member is unwilling or unable to civilly communicate their concerns or suggestions - as described in Item 5 - they should find some other team, or soapbox, or sand box, to play on or in. Over the years NBARC has had only 2 instances where a member had to be removed from Membership; something this Board does not want to repeat. Hurricane season is approaching, and NBARC has serious prep work to do!

7. Our July meeting will be held at 7pm, 8 July, again at the Great Outdoors Hobby Land. We hope to see you ALL there - Guests are always welcome!

8. It has been suggested that we need a Regular Agenda for all Meetings - So, attached is a Draft Agenda, to try out and discuss at our July Meeting:

NBARC Meeting Agenda

Date of Meeting: _____ Location: _____

Presiding Officer: _____

1. Call to Order - at _____ PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance - please stand, if you are able
3. Mission Statement - read aloud by _____
4. Treasure's Report - discussion, and vote to approve
5. Minutes of Last Meeting - discussion, and vote to approve
6. Old Business - list scheduled items below:
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
7. New Business - list items discussed below:
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
8. Motion to Adjourn - by _____, at _____ PM
9. General Discussion, Special Projects, Etc.