

LWARS Monthly Meeting

18 Oct 2025

Minutes by Jim Elms – KJ5DUL, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am by Roy McCleary – N5ZKW

Old Business

September's Meeting Minutes were distributed by email prior to the meeting.

Motion to accept last month's minutes by Chris Clark – WX5CTC, seconded by Danny Rymer – K5FDR. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Robert Tear – N9KGL

No change in Ending Balance

Reminder that annual dues are coming up.

Committee Reports

Fall Picnic is 9 Nov 2025 at Lake Whitney State Park. Robert Tear – N9KGL is deciding on brisket or chuck roast. The idea of doing a POTA activation was discussed again. Jim Elms – KJ5DUL was asked to put a notice in the Lakelander.

Winter Field Day 24-25 Jan 2026. Ron Franklin – AA5HK said there are new rules, including a 6x multiplier for making at least three contacts on 12 different bands. He said we may want to consider working with another group.

Roy McCleary – N5ZKW mentioned the availability of White Bluff.

Nominating Committee - Danny Rymer – K5FDR, Ron Franklin – AA5HK, Tim Hutchings – N5TCH
The Nominating Committee recommendations:

President - Robert Tear – N9KGL

Vice President – Jim Elms – KJ5DUL

Secretary – Tim Hutchings – N5TCH

Treasurer – Marlon Duckett – KJ5ENR

Director – Brady Thompson – W5AWW

Director – Darrel Bullock – KJ5BEV

Director – Roy McCleary – N5ZKW

Motion to accept the Nominating Committee recommendations, Matt Sullivan – KG5ZPV, seconded by Chris Clark – WX5CTC. Motion carried.

Nominations from the floor.

Robert Tear – N9KGL nominated Chris Clark – WX5CTC for Director

Tim Hutchings – N5TCH nominated Dave Vecchio – N5DEW for Director

Rommie Bollinger – NR5A nominated Danny Rymer – K5FDR for President

Robert Tear – N9KGL nominated Ted Jagen – K5YIV for Director

Chris Clark - WX5CTC withdrew his nomination for Director

Rommie Bollinger – NR5A nominated Ed Jaworsky - KD5JUM for Director

Unfinished Business

Robert Tear – N9KGL reintroduced the discussion of establishing LWARS as a 501(c)(3). He shared the Financial Statement circulated at the last meeting and said minor changes to the bylaws would be necessary to accommodate the 501(c)(3) change.

Robert went on to explain the types of fundraisers LWARS would be able to host, like Fish Frys, Bar-B-Q Dinners, or running a Fireworks Booth. At some point we might even sponsor a circus. In addition, we would be eligible for grants and donations due to our tax status.

The cost would be around \$600 and the annual paperwork would be minimal. The ability to fund Community Outreach programs such as scholarships would become possible with this change.

Motion to set up the 501(c)(3) and to spend up to \$600 was made by Tim Hutchings – N5TCH, seconded by Rommie Bollinger – NR5A. Motion passed.

Announcements/New Business

Peoples Bank, where LWARS has been doing its banking, is being acquired by an out-of-town bank.

The Christmas Meeting is 20 Dec 2025

The Club Picnic is 9 Nov 2025

Testing is now available. Contact Dave Vecchio.

The Christmas Parade is 13 Dec 2025

Winter Field Day is 24-25 Jan 2026

Upcoming Events

Net Control

23 Oct 2025 – Chris Clark – WX5CTC
30 Oct 2025 - Roy McCleary – N5ZKW
06 Nov 2025 – Tim Hutchings – N5TCH
13 Nov 2025 – Jim Elms - KJ5DUL

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20 Oct 2025 - Roy McCleary – N5ZKW Robert Tear – N9KGL
27 Oct 2025 – Ted Jagen – K5YIV
03 Nov 2025 – Wiley Clarkson – WC5WC
10 Nov 2025 – Jim Elms – KJ5DUL

Motion to Adjourn by Ronald Smith – NT5B, seconded by Danny Rymer – K5FDR. Motion carried.

The Club raffled off the monitor provided by Charles Young – W5CRY. Rommie Bollinger NR5A was the winner.

The meeting was followed up by a presentation on Meshtastic by Brady Thompson – W5AWW and his wife Casondra. It was well received, with calls for a second part in the future.

End of the LWARS Meeting Minutes for 18 Oct 2025
