

LWARS Monthly Meeting

20 Sep 2025

Minutes by Jim Elms – KJ5DUL, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 10:04 am by Roy McCleary – N5ZKW

Old Business

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

Motion to accept last month's minutes by Robert Tear – N9KGL, seconded by Jann Smoot – KI5GBS. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Robert Tear – N9KGL

No change in Ending Balance . .

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Danny Rymer – K5FDR. Seconded by Matt Sullivan – KG5ZPV. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Fall Picnic is 9 Nov 2025. Robert Tear – N9KGL is arranging the food. The idea of doing a POTA activation was discussed.

Winter Field Day 25-26 Jan 2026. More on this later in the meeting.

Unfinished Business

Nominating Committee

Robert Tear – N9KGL nominated Ron Franklin – AA5HK for the Committee

Danny Rymer – K5FDR volunteered to be the chair

Tim Hutchings – N5TCH also volunteered to be on the Committee

Motion to accept the three proposed members of the Committee by Jim Elms – KJ5DUL, Seconded by Robert Tear – N9KGL. Motion carried.

Pioneer Day - 4 Oct 2025

Chris Clark – WX5CTC said the briefing will be at the Police Dept or City Hall at 1:30pm

Announcements/New Business

Testing is now available. Contact Dave Vecchio.

Tim Hutchings – N5TCH is the Program Manager. Make suggestions for presentations to him.

Jim Elms - KJ5DUL asked for article contributions for the newsletter.

Finances were discussed at the last Board Meeting. Based on this discussion, Robert Tear – N9KGL presented an Expense Statement, showing that we would run out of money in about three years at our current rate of income vs. expenses.

The proposed solution supported by the Board is to establish a 501(c)(3), referring to a section of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code that grants tax-exempt status to specific charitable and nonprofit organizations.

Robert Tear – N9KGL went on to explain it would cost about \$600 to set up, which the club can afford at this time. Fund raising could then be done. The money could come from grants or fund raisers such as a Fish Fry, Bar-B-Q, or Fireworks booth.

Tim Hutchings – N5TCH motioned to table the motion to set up the 501(c)(3) until the October meeting so more of the club could vote on it. Marlon Duckett – KJ5ENR seconded the motion. Motion to table carried.

Roy McCleary – N5ZKW announced Charles is raffling off a 21 inch monitor to benefit the Club. The raffle will be during the October meeting.

ARRL recently sent out an email concerning H.R. 1094/S. 459, to remove HOA restrictions for Ham Radio operators. The following link allows you to fill out a form and automatically send it to your representatives: <https://send-a-letter.org/hoa/>
Enter your call sign and click on “Send My Letters” and your letters will be delivered to our Washington legislative team for hand delivery to your Representative and Senators.

Winter Field Day

We have an invitation to use White Bluff. Make recommendations to Dave Vecchio – N5DEW, Ron Franklin – AA5HK, or Jim Elms -KJ5DUL.

Upcoming Events

Next LWARS Meeting – 18 Oct 2025

Net Control

25 Sep 2025 – Robert Tear – N9KGL Dave Vecchio – N5DEW

02 Oct 2025 - Tim Hutchings – N5TCH

09 Oct 2025 – Jim Elms - KJ5DUL

16 Oct 2025 – Ron Franklin – AA5HK

ARES Net Control

22 Sep 2025 - Robert Tear – N9KGL

29 Sep 2025 – Roy McCleary – N5ZKW

06 Oct 2025 – Jim Elms – KJ5DUL

13 Oct 2025 – Chris Clark – WX5CTC

Motion to Adjourn by Tim Hutchings – N5TCH, seconded by Marlon Duckett – KJ5ENR. Motion carried.

End of the LWARS Meeting Minutes for 16 Aug 2025
