

Present: Gene Ellefsen-N0VRM, Mike Lovold-N0PDG, Bruce Carlson-KE0NIT, Gary Minter-KD9ABS, Dave Davis-AA0AC, Bob Boyd-KD0YLN, Doug Nelson-AA0AW, Tom Dorr-KE0RHA, Robin Davis

Guest: Dennis Anderson-W0DIO, Jim Anderson-N0JWA

Meeting called to order at 6:27 pm

Minutes:

Posted and in the newsletter, moved to approve by Bruce-KE0NIT, seconded by Bob-KD0LYN, motion passed

Treasurer's Report:

Checking 3,210.74
Savings 1,869.17
Cash Subtotal \$5,079.91

Outstanding Check (Repeater # 1400) **-\$1,100.00**

Winter CD 1,707.19
CD Subtotal \$1,707.19

Grand Total \$5,687.10

We did get a dividend on our Savings Account of \$0.92

Is the Coffee Kitty breaking even? The Coffee Kitty was never intended to make money. It is close to a break even over the course of a year. Motion to accept moved by Dave-AA0AC, seconded by Mike-N0PDG, motion passed

Committee Report:

Testing:

May 4th is all set to go. Tom-KE0RHA will update the web page with the test information. It is posted on ARRL web page. Nothing scheduled after that for now. We will probably run a test session at the end of June. They change the book every four (4) years and the General book changes July 1, 2019

Skywarn Training:

April 11, 2019, starts early at 6:00 pm to get our business meeting done before the training starts. Skywarn training starts at 6:30 pm and it is Carol Christianson-KC0MAK's last year as she is retiring

Ham Fest:

We received the contract. Bruce-KE0NIT will send the signed copy with a check to Bob-KC0NFB. Robin will take care of the pulled pork again. Gene-N0VRM asked Rollie Bockbrader-KB0CK about a gift card and he is getting a \$250.00 card from Thrivent. Robin will get the pork, the brats, the sauerkraut, etc. Gene-N0VRM ask if we can buy a case of Hillshire brats from B&B and she agreed to check with them. Has this group ever thought about asking the Boy Scouts to assist carrying in stuff for the vendors, set up tables, etc? Jim-N0JWA will ask a couple of Scout Masters to see if there would any one available to assist. We had left over pop from the last Ham Fest so Gene-N0VRM will cut down the amount he buys this year again. Gene-N0VRM will check with Scott Ahlgren-N0VYU as to the supplies needed for the fest. Gene-N0VRM asks the Board to check with the Kitchen throughout the Ham Fest for help with moving the coffee pots and emptying the garbage cans, etc. DX Engineering is sending Mike-N0PDG a \$50.00 gift card for the Ham Fest along with a box of catalogs

Web Page:

Any questions? Tom-KE0RHA has more plans but is starting small with his changes on the Web Page. A compliment was received on how the calendar looks. To get inside the page, click on the small box in the middle with the lines. Thank you for doing it. Send information to Tom-KE0RHA as well as suggestions. His e-mail is listed on the Boards and Committees page. He will add a contact us page or link on the Web Page should anyone want to contact ARAC

Facebook:

Closed group with Gene-N0VRM or Mike-N0PDG being able to approve membership. They check the contacts the applicant has, if they have a Ham license and the groups they belong to. Facebook has an option to post events and invite the public to them - events like Ham Fest. If there are issues, members can be removed from the page or put on probation. They are policing the Facebook page. Gene-N0VRM looks for a connection to the Club or to the Hobby as well, thinking family members

Grandma's Marathon:

First meeting is tomorrow night. Scott Ahlgren-N0VYU is shadowing Doug-AA0AW and next year Doug-AA0AW will assist him. If you had an Aid Station and would like to continue at the Aid Station, please contact Doug-AA0AW to let him know. He will only move you from one Aid Station to another Aid Station if you request it

ARRL:

We are an affiliate Club with the ARRL again. They give former members two (2) years to reactivate their membership and then remove them from the list. Gene-N0VRM left a message with ARRL and they called him back to reinstate ARAC as a member

Field Day:

We need somebody to step up to set up Field Day, set up the food, etc., because it is the same weekend as Grandma's Marathon. Doug-AA0AW will not be available this year. We have an understanding that we have the Carlton County Trailer as well as the Douglas County Trailer. Ask Jeff Nast-KC0MKS to contact BJ to see about the Lake County Trailer availability. If no one is planning on attending Field Day, there is no sense in getting trailers, setting up antenna, getting food, the grill and utensils there, etc., if no one plans to be at Field Day this year

Skywarn Training:

Available Monday at 7:00 pm in Room 270 at WITC. They encourage attendance to the training every four (4) years

Jeff-KC0MKS's Weather Net is up and running. Reminder that check-ins are at 8:00 pm, Monday, on the 94 Repeater. PL tone is 103.5

Web Page:

Follow the public Facebook page to promote the Ham Fest and other Club events

Motion to adjourn by Dave-AA0AC, seconded by Mike-N0PDG, motion passed at 7:08 pm