

Present: Gene Ellefsen-N0VRM, Mike Lovold-N0PDG, Bruce Carlson-KE0NIT, Gary Minter-KD9ABS, Dave Davis-AA0AC, Bob Boyd-KD0YLN, Randy Wabik-KR0B, Doug Nelson-AA0AW, Tom Dorr-KE0RHA, Grant Forsyth-KC0WUP, Bob Schultz-KC0NFB, Robin Davis

Guest: Dennis Anderson-W0DIO, Diane Saunders-K0DSL, Del Minter-KE0CLI

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm by President Gene-N0VRM

Minutes:

Minutes posted on the web site and in the newsletter. Motion to accept by Gary-KD9ABS, seconded by Bruce-KE0NIT, motion passed

Treasurer's Report:

Checking 2,937.40
Savings 1,869.17
Cash Subtotal \$4,806.57

Outstanding Check (Repeater # 1400) **-\$1,100.00**
Outstanding Check (Fairground Rent) **-\$600.00**

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

Grand Total \$4,813.76

No income for the month of April due to the snowstorm. Donuts, prizes and the Ham Fest rental were the expenses for this month. Motion to accept by Bob-KC0NFB, seconded by Gary-KD9ABS, motion passed

Discussion in April about the ID Protection feature. It is \$3.00 a month so it is \$36.00 a year. Fully managed ID Service, up to \$10,000.00 credit fraud. How high do you think the risk is? Is it worth the \$36.00 a year? We write very few checks each year. Grant-KC0WUP shared a personal experience. Believe it is cheap insurance for the online banking. Motion to purchase the insurance by Gary-KD9ABS, seconded by Bob-KD0LYN, to obtain the insurance. We don't use the debit card for online purchases but we do use it locally. The encryption on the debit cards are usually intense, extensive protection. Suggestion to bring it to the membership for the vote. Gary-KD9LK amended the motion to bring it forward to the Club for a vote

WDSE Donation:

Now is the time of year we usually make our annual donation to WDSE for allowing out Repeater to be housed in their building. Mike-N0PDG makes a motion to send a check to WDSE for \$1,200.00, seconded by Dave-AA0AC, motion to be brought forward to the Club meeting for a vote

Building Rental:

In June, we will make our semi-annual donation to the church (First United Methodist Church Duluth / The Coppertop) for our monthly usage. We appreciate the use of the church and the services they provide to our Club

Education:

Nothing until the fall. The class ended just before the Ham Fest and at least three (3) students passed the test

Testing:

Latest test session numbers had twenty-three (23) candidates that tested. A big thank you to the VEs (16 volunteers). Twenty-two (22) passed the test, with fifteen (15) new Technicians, two (2) new Generals, four (4) upgrades to General, three (3) new Extras. Kudos to the team that handled the test session as it was a very busy testing session. There will be a testing session scheduled for June prior to the expiration of the General book on July 1, 2019

Web Site:

Nothing to report. Happy to take any suggestions

Newsletter:

Newsletter calendar - the highlighting is too dark, which makes it hard to read the information. Suggestion to talk to the editors, Kim Waller-KE0NQS and Steve Waller-KE0NQT, about changing the color or lowering the intensity

Repeater:

Waiting to hear back from Randy Haglin-N0BZZ. Suggestion from Dave-AB9KC who had a table at the Ham Fest. He is available to do the work including climbing the tower. Gordy Hansen apparently was talking to Randy-KR0B about the fact that he liked it being down (the Mahtowa Repeater) as it doesn't interfere with the 94 Repeater. Randy-KR0B will talk to Randy Haglin-N0BZZ about getting the repeater radio to have it installed in Mahtowa. Diane will talk to 52.525 simplex.

Request from the MS Bike-a-thon to use the 94 Repeater on June 8, 2019, as they have in past years. Motion made by Bruce-KE0NIT, seconded by Dave-AA0AC, to allow the Repeater be used by the MS Bike-a-thon. This will be brought forward to the Club for a final decision

Ham Fest:

Preliminary information:

348 tickets were sold

65-1/2 tables reserved

Subtract \$500.00 door prize and the \$600.00 fair rental - \$3,744.51 rough profit. Money deposited \$5,544.51

We were maxed out with the tables at 66. Kitchen was good with a small amount of leftovers. Thank you to Rowena Olson, Pat and Del Minter-KE0CLI for assisting. First time, we had two (2) people with outside displays. Al Nordic-WB0PDQ with tower sections was there. Something to keep in mind for future Ham Fests and how we want to handle an outside displays. Grand Prize tickets (yellow), roll of two (2) part hourly tickets and the badge refills were part of the expenses for Bob-KC0NFB, which totaled \$58.42

When calling the red tickets a lot of prizes sat on the table and had to be recalled because no one picked them up. We also need a plan for the folks in the testing session to be able to win prizes as well. Suggestion to get less prizes to diminish the amount of drawing and calling that has to be done during the Fest John Kruk-N9UPC / Yaesu donated a 7250 dual band mobile radio from for a prize

The "Hat Lady" (Mary Lindberg-KB9LFF) was well received and the hats were only \$15.00 with an embroidered name or call sign

We paid for the building with the table rentals

The \$250.00 gift card from Thrivent paid for the food for the Ham Fest. Dennis from the Iron Range Radio Club won the \$500.00 door prize again this year. ARRL did send an e-mail with the gift certificates attached.

Ticket Sales - looking for suggestions to fast track the people who are testing. People, who are there just to test, were standing in line when they could have skipped that line and went directly to the Test Session. Suggestion for next year to possibly put up a poster or flyer directing the testers to the 4-H building. Thank you from the President Gene-N0VRM for a successful Ham Fest and for all the volunteers who made it happen again this year

New Business:

Aerial Lift Bridge 90th Anniversary:

ARRL sponsored special event station on August 17, 2019, to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the Aerial Lift Bridge. Special permit to put up a portable tower, on the property of the US Army Corps of Engineers Maritime Museum, near the Aerial Lift Bridge, for on-site broadcasting. The set up starts at 7:00 am and take down at 6:00 pm. N01B will be used as a special dedicated call sign for the event. Motion to permit Diane Saunders-K0DSL to use the ARAC logo on the poster by Bruce-KE0NIT, seconded by Diane-N0DSL, motion passed. Special QSL cards along with an emailed certificate will be part of this event

ARAC 90th Anniversary:

December 3rd our ARAC Club will be 90 years old. President is in discussion with Kim and Steve about a special event to commemorate our anniversary. Thinking about a National Radio Event with QSL cards. Looking for a volunteer to coordinate an anniversary event

Field Day:

We need a Coordinator for Field Day this year, as a majority of the regular volunteers will be working Grandma's Marathon, which are the same day

Programs:

- May Program is by DPD Officer Jim Forsyth
- June is the Grandma's Marathon presentation
- July is open as someone cancelled and rescheduled the program
- August, the AMSAT satellite people will be there

Picnic:

Picnic is August 4, 2019. Scott Ahlgren-N0VYU, who is the Picnic Chair, did permit and reservation

Grandma's Marathon:

Getting a good response from the previous volunteers. There will be a signup sheet circulated at the Club meeting on Thursday. Looking for any new volunteers

Summer CD:

We should probably buy a summer CD. We have the money from the CD that we cashed out last summer for the Repeater purchase, which was covered by the donations. We should reinvest that money in a CD again. More discussion to follow

Motion to adjourn by Dave-AA0AC, seconded by many, motion passed