

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, Grant Forsyth-KC0WUP, Bob Schultz-KC0NFB, Robin Davis

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

Called to order by President Gene-N0VRM at 6:32 pm

Minutes:

Minutes posted on the web page and in the newsletter. Gary-KD9ABS makes a motion to accept, Dave-AA0AC seconded, motion passed

Treasurer's Report:

Checking 2,292.10
Savings 4,869.17
Cash Subtotal \$7,098.67

Outstanding Check (Repeater # 1414) -1,100.00
Outstanding Check (Fairground Rent) -600.00
Outstanding Check (Coffee Pot) -163.59
Subtotal -\$1,863.69

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

Grand Total \$6,942.17

Motion to approve by Bob-KD0LYN, seconded by MikeN0PDG, motion passed

New Business:

Special Events:

90th Anniversary of the Duluth Aerial Lift Bridge, event is scheduled for August 17, 2019. Set up will begin at 7:00 am and ending at 6:00 pm off air and cleanup. Special Use Permit from Army Corp of Engineers to use their grounds has been obtained. Diane Saunders-K0DSL met with the Mark Bauer, Parking Director from City of Duluth, to request use of a portion of the parking lot for a portable tower system. Diane-K0DSL sent him an email detailing our plans and proposed time. Posters and QSL Cards have been designed for use. Open to General Class or higher - Technician can operate under direction of General or Extra. Side band, Digital or CW are the modes of operation that will be available for operators. Diane-K0DSL asked and received permission to use the City of Duluth Icon. QST has been notified and the Media will be notified. A Special Call Sign was applied for and received - N0B. The Tower will be set up Friday evening and marked off with cones and tape. The extent of the operating equipment is still to be determined. Anything needed from the Board or the Club? Just bodies to operate and assist in the setup and take down. This event will show case the Aerial Lift Bridge, City of Duluth and Ham Radio including ARAC. There will be no food at the event but there are several restaurants in the area. A canopy will be on the lawn of the museum. Motion that Club pick up the costs for the QSL card by Gary-KD9ABS, seconded by Bob-KD0LYN, motion passed to bring it up at the Club Meeting. Certificates will be available. Both the certificates and the QSL card will be available online as well. As a final note, thank from Mark, Parking Manager for the advanced notice instead of waiting until a day or two before the event

Newsletter:

Kim Waller-KE0NQS and Steve Waller-KE-NQT are out of town. The newsletter will be out very soon. They had a family emergency according to Mike-N0PDG

Field Day:

Al Nordin-WD0DBQ wants to be put together a small operating station for Field Day. He needs a generator and a computer for digital logging. Gene-N0VRM has called Spirit Mountain and left a message. He has not had a return call yet to determine if we can use their parking lot again this year. We haven't had a lot of interest in Field Day - organizing the event, getting the food, getting the trailers from the various Counties, etc. A lot of folks are involved in the Grandma's Marathon. Interested in events as long as they only have to attend and eat. Most attend and never lift a finger to set up or take down an event. It can be a lot of work. Only two (2) people spent the night to operate during Field Day last year – Doug-AA0AW and Diane-K0DSL. Proposal to bring it up at the meeting - quick organizing would be needed. Need a member of organization to pick up the equipment, be responsible for it on site and return it if we would like to use equipment and/or trailers from the various counties. Recommendation to forget about it this year with an eye towards the Field Day next year. Hoping for some involvement from the new Hams in our Club. People have to remain interested and be willing to participate. We need people to set up and take down, not only to show up and eat. Further discussion at the General Membership meeting.

Repeater:

The Mahtowa Repeater site was visited yesterday to check out what was needed to program the new radio and install it. There is a big tree on one of the guide wires, which made it unsafe, on the south or southwest leg. There are four (4) to eight (8) trees in the pod but only one on the guide, pulling it down. Cliff Tanner, Bruce, Randy Johnson-AA0ME will meet Gene-N0VRM to try to get the tree off the guide wire safely. The UHF Radio is dead and beyond repair. Randy Haglin-N0BZZ checked and he will be able to wire the new radio and make everything work. The backup generator will not start on auto. Probably the relay went again. It starts on manual. Doug-AA0AW knows which relay went last time. There might be something else going on. There is an analog sensor that says something is going on - the generator is on. The generator does run and it powers everything. Randy-KR0B and Randy-N0BZZ will go back in a couple of weeks. Suggestion to get someone from Onen to service the generator. Geoff Bennett-KE0BNX could be a certified generator technician and he might be willing to take a look at the generator for the Club. He is Jonas Hansen-K0ILS's son-in-law

Observation - there was a lot of other stuff in the Repeater site. APRS, two (2) Packet Modes, Vertical Antenna, etc. Cleanup could involve removing the Six (6) Meter Repeater. It is up and running. There is a 440 link in there tied into the system. What happens if somebody abandons his equipment for like ten (10) years, who owns it? Who maintains it? Does it belong to the Club? Talk to Pat Wilmers-KB0QYN to see if he wants to donate it to the Club. It could be a cool addition. Bud Fisher-N0GGF was the President when we bought the 440 link, antenna, etc., from Pinewood Learning Center

Testing:

June 25, 2019. 5:30 pm registration, 6:00 pm testing. General testing pool will change on July 1, 2019

Program:

June program will be Grandma's Marathon - Shane Bauer, Executive Director and Greg Haapala, Race Director will both be attending our June meeting. 20,202 registered runners this year. The Half Marathon has 9,500 and Full Marathon has 8,800, 5,000 registered for the Irvin 5K. There are enough volunteers this year as far as the communications portion of the races is concerned. Doug-AA0AW ordered the proper weather for the races

Newsletter:

Kim Waller-KE0NQS and Steve Waller-KE0NQT are interested in doing a video promotion of the Club and the variety of things we do as a Club. Doug-AA0AW will work on getting some letters from the various events where we provide communication, etc.

Motion to adjourn by Dave-AA0AC, seconded by Gary-KB9ABS, motion passed at 7:31 pm