

Present: Gene Ellefsen-N0VRM, Mike Lovold-N0PDG, Bruce Carlson-KE0NIT, Dave Davis-AA0AC, Gary Minter-KD9ABS, Bob Boyd-KD0YLN, Doug Nelson-AA0AW, Kim Waller-KE0NQS, Steve Waller-KE0NQT, Bob Schulz-KC0NBF, Randy Wabik-KR0B, Grant Forsyth-KC0WUP, Thomas Dorr-KE0RHA, Robin Davis

Guest: Emery Davis, Dennis Anderson-W0DIO, Jim Anderson-N0JWA

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President Gene-N0VRM

**Minutes:**

Minutes published on the web and in the newsletter. Dave-AA0AC made a motion to accept, Bruce-KE0NIT seconded, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Checking 1,515.00  
Savings 1,373.06  
Cash Subtotal \$2,888.06

Outstanding Check (Repeater # 1414) -1,100.00

Winter CD 1,714.03  
Summer CD 1,700.00  
CD Subtotal \$3,414.03

Grand Total \$5,202.09

Income sheet 1/1/19 to 12/31/19 and the totals ended up the year a little on the plus side, a couple of hundred dollars. FYI from Treasurer - Check to First United Methodist for \$150.00 for rent, plus check for Club's insurance. Move to approve by Gary-KD9ABS, seconded by Bob-KD0LYN, motion passed

**Old Business:**

Nothing

**Committee Reports:**

**Ham Fest:**

Nothing planned to make changes for this year's Ham Fest. We did apply for the ARRL sanctioning from Central and North Dakota. The Card Checker has already confirmed via email to Bob-KC0NFB that he will attend. Plan to get emails out to Venders this month. Try to get a contact out of the Board to sign the contract. This is our "money maker" for the year. We need volunteers to set up, take down, work at the Fest, etc. Have we applied for the Thrivent card again this year? Not yet but Gene-N0VRM will talk to Rollie (Rolland Bockbrader-KB0CK). The \$250.00 provided by Thrivent paid for the food that we sell in the Ham Fest Café, including the beverages, which is fabulous

**Education:**

Next class, February 11, 2020, Technician Class offered through Duluth Community Education, and there will be a General & an Extra Study Group. Testing for the class will be at Ham Fest

**Repeater:**

Talked to Randy-N0BZZ. He really wants to get out there to get the Mahtowa Repeater done. He has four (4) projects he is working on and Randy Wabik-KR0B added another project to his pile. More to follow

**Testing:**

Good testing sessions in December – all smilers. UMD had sixteen (16) candidates – twelve (12) upgraded or

received a new license. Tom Ferguson was the teacher and he is anticipating another teaching session. Dec 10, 2019, test session had ten (10) candidates, with ten (10) new licenses or upgrades. Next Test Session, January 28, 2020, 5:30 pm registration, 6:00 pm test session. Doug-AA0AW received three (3) emails from folks looking to test. Thank you to those who VEs at the test session. Which test is changing this year? Extra and then a year off with no changes to the Test Questions

#### Web Site:

Nothing that Tom-KE0RHA has seen. Newsletter is posted each month. 90th Anniversary Video was posted and taken down because the copy write has not been totally approved but is pending. We will post it again once everything is in place

#### Facebook:

People are asking and getting questions asked and answered so we are getting viewed by the general public, which was one (1) of the goals of having a Facebook page

#### **New Business:**

##### Donation Request:

Request for the group to donate money to the Choral Group at East High School as a thank you to them for coming to sing at our Christmas Program for the last few years. We have never donated before to them. Suggestion to donate \$75.00 to the choir. It is a decent program and a professional presentation. Believe it is a good cause and the music is of high quality. Dennis Anderson-W0DIO believes that Kiwanis give them \$75.00 or \$100.00 each year, alternating between East and Denfeld choirs. Mike-N0PDG makes a motion to donate \$50.00, friendly amendment to \$75.00, agreed, seconded by Board, bring to General Membership. We are setting a precedent for future programs

##### Corporate Grant Request:

Idea that is a little bit out there - non-profit standard. Discussing the reciprocal credits back and forth from groups like Grandma's Marathon, Essentia, etc. Choose a race, offering to the runners an FR ID for a fee. Families could track the runners through the entire race. It could start with one race and move to other races. Doesn't Grandma's already do that for the Elite Runners? Yes. Thinking of smaller races like Wild Duluth. Problem with Wild Duluth, you would need freestanding RF ID stations in the woods because of the length of time-spent racing and the variety of check in locations

The part of this discussion is to look at Corporate Funding - first to ask should be Grandma's Marathon because we already have a strong relationship with them. They have different pockets to draw the funds from within their organization. Normally, it is an application along with some form of an essay, with a \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 threshold. Essentia's initial threshold is \$10,000.00. Building community good will between the organizations. Good blend of us donating to a good organization like Grandma's. We have gotten kudos from the organizations that we provide communications (Health and Welfare) for at a variety of events and races. We are not a 501C3. Organizations do look for that and we are not. You do not always have to be a 501C3 to accept funds - there are ways around it. The Ely groups became a 501C3 and they have raised over \$4,000.00 on a Go Fund Me Page. If we have a specific need, like the 94 Repeater fails and we can approach organizations for assistance. It would be nice to have a kitty, a reserve, for issues like bad weather. We have been lucky so far. Suggestion to get Mahtowa repeater done before we go much further asking for monies to maintain or upgrade the repeaters. It is a good reminder to look at these types of organizations that have money to give. It also puts our Club out there along with the hobby of Ham Radio. Grandma's is looking for places to put their community funding according to Kim-KE0NQS and Steve-KE0NQT. The most they can say is no. What you say in your essay, is who we are, what we do for the community, our value to the community, and upgrade and maintenance for our infrastructure as we provide our communication services. It is a tool for outside organizations to use - our communication services to the Community. We showed our wealth as volunteers, health, and welfare to the community, the government, that we had value, a value to be protected for us and by us. We should provide our volunteer services more to protect our value to the them, the community. FCC as an amateur radio operator, you cannot get a gain. We can't violate that that is for the

attorneys, legalize. Kim-KE0NQS will get the latest information from Grandma's and report back to the Board

**ARAC 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:**

Doug-AA0AW made 187 contacts for the 90th Anniversary week

**Upcoming Ham Fests:**

There is a Ham Fest in Bertha, outside of Wadena, soon as well as the Brainerd and St Cloud Ham Fests

Motion to adjourn by Mike-N0PDG, seconded by Bruce-KE0NIT, motion passed at 7:19 pm