

Present: Gene Ellefsen-N0VRM, Mike Lovold-N0PDG, Bruce Carlson-KE0NIT, Robin Davis, Dave Davis-AA0AC, Gary Minter-KD9ABS, Randy Johnson-AA0ME, Grant Forsyth-KC0WUP, Randy Wabik-KR0B, Doug Nelson-AA0AW

Meeting called to order by President Gene-N0VRM at 6:41 pm

Minutes:

Minutes posted in newsletter and on the web site. Motion to accept by Dave-AA0AC, seconded by Gary-KD9ABS, motion passed

Treasurer's Report:

Checking 1,598.85
Savings 773.50
Cash Subtotal \$2,372.35

Outstanding Check (Repeater # 1414) -1,100.00
Outstanding Check (WDSE Donation) -1,200.00
Subtotal Checks \$2,300.00

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

Grand Total \$3,486.38

Any major expenses left for the year? Ham Fest upfront costs, food prizes, building rental at so much per person, etc.

Gene-N0VRM and Bruce-KE0NIT motioned to move money from Summer CD to cash accounts to cover the outstanding checks

Motion to approve by Gary-KD9ABS, seconded by Mike-N0PDG, motion passed

Committee Reports:

Ham Fest:

Bob Schultz-KC0NFB is calling about making a decision. We don't know what is going to happen yet. Suggestion to play it by ear until September 1, 2020. 25% capacity is possible. It wouldn't be feasible with restricted attendance to hold the Fest. We usually get around 400 attendees. Suggestion to wait until September 1, 2020, to make a decision

Brainerd is having their Tail Gate Ham Fest but that is located outside. The Crow Wing County Fairgrounds is huge so they can accommodate a lot of folks. It will be held August 22, 2020, in Brainerd

Any other discussion? First Tuesday September 1, 2020, and we can make a decision at that time, at the Board meeting. Let Bob-KC0NFB know that a decision will be made on September 1, 2020. Mike-N0PDG will text Bob-KC0NFB

No major upcoming expenses. Dues will be coming in soon, especially for the folks that renew each year at the Ham Fest. Any member interested in paying their annual dues, please send your check to Bruce-KE0NIT. Gene-N0VRM will make an announcement on the Sunday night nets

Weekly Nets:

Doug-AA0AW will contact Thomas Dorr-KE0RHA to remove Diane Saunders-K0DSL and Denny Anderson-W0DIO off the Net Rosters

Repeater:

Doug-AA0AW has a PA to put in the main site for the UHF. Gene-N0VRM will contact Larry Anderson-N0XPB to get a key to get access to the 94 Repeater at the WDSE Building

David Pyrlík-K0DJP has a couple of Repeater Cabinets with doors but he has no keys. He stated they are in good condition. He will sell them or donate to a group

Randy-KR0B with Randy Haglin-N0BZZ are not getting to Mahtowa to work on the Repeater. Our equipment is not getting any younger. We need to consider gutting the whole thing and install new equipment. The 94 Repeater is old. It is a good idea. Neither of the Randy's can get to it and parts are not available, etc.

We need to start the discussion to upgrade the Repeater System. We could do a raffle to raise money for that purpose or take donations to cover the costs. We did that for the Mahtowa Repeater

Discussion Points:

- 100 watt amp
- Linking capability
- Upgrading System
- Modernizing – Jeff Mast-KCOMKS
- More Members involved
- Internet Link – Pros and Cons
- Keep it simple - Analog
- Rebuild entire system?
- Costs
- Manufacturer & options, compatibility
- Doug-AA0AW will contact John Kruk-N9UPC for initial information about upgrading the Repeater System and the possibility of linking analog with fusion
- Mike-N0PDG will contact John Kruk-N9UPC for Yaesu pricing options
- Randy-KR0B will contact Bridgecom for pricing options and will talk to Randy Haglin-N0BZZ
- Additional discussion on UHF, linking controllers, RF linking, fusion, analog, simplex, PL tones, etc.

Mike-N0PDG makes a motion to investigate replacing the 94 Repeater and the network, seconded by Gary-KD9ABS, motion passed. Randy-KR0B will also put a call into Randy-N0BZZ to discuss the possibilities of upgrading the entire Repeater system by ARAC

New Business:

Greg Haapala, Grandma's Race Director, contacted Doug-AA0AW and there will be a Minnesota Mile and the Fitger's 50 Mile Race. Park Point Five Miler is the standard and it came off just fine. MN Mile is extended by two (2) hours to socially distance and Fitger's extended by twelve (12) hours to socially distance. The COD is in agreement with their plans.

New Operator:

Tom Maida-KF0ALP is a new Ham (Traffic Sargent for COD DPD).

Anything else?

Motion to adjourn by Bruce-KE0NIT, seconded by Randy-AA0ME, motion passed

Meeting ended at 7:32 pm