

Present:

President Gene Ellefsen-N0VRM
Vice President Mike Lovold-N0PDG
Treasurer / Membership Bruce Carlson-KN0NUL
Secretary Robin Davis
First Year Board Dave Davis-AA0AC
Second Year Board Gary Minter-KD9ABS
Third Year Board Randy Johnson-AA0ME
Special Events – Open / Gene Ellefsen-N0VRM acting
Ham Fest / Education Bob Schultz-KC0NFB
Repeater Randy Wabik-KR0B
Repeater David Pyrlík-K0DJP
Testing Doug Nelson-AA0AW

Absent:

Parliamentarian Grant Forsyth-KC0WUP
Chaplain (Visiting) Rolland Bockbrader-KB0CK
Property / Picnic Scott Ahlgren-N0VYU
Newsletter / Historian Kim Waller-KE0NQS
Newsletter Steve Waller-KE0NQY
Repeater Randy Wabik-KR0B
Repeater Derek McCorison-W0DNF
Repeater Randy Haglin-N0BZZ
Web Site Thomas Dorr-KE0RHA

Meeting called to order by President Gene-N0VRM at 7:00 pm

New or Upgraded Hams Operators:

Technician Bob Loubeck
Technician Randy
Technician Paul Fleming

Congratulations on passing your test and welcome to the ARAC Club

Minutes:

Minutes posted in newsletter and on the web site. Motion to accept by Bob-KC0NFB, seconded by Dave-AA0AC, motion passed

Treasurer's Report:

Checking 3,195.54
Savings 2,174.01
Subtotal Cash \$5,369.71

Winter CD 1,724.37
Summer CD 0.00
Subtotal CD \$1,724.37

Assets Subtotal: \$7,094.08

Outstanding Checks:
Mahtowa Repeater -1,100.00

Bob Boyd-KD0LYN Memorial -1,190.00

Reserved Funds -\$2,290.00

Grand Total \$4,804.08

Motion to accept by Robin, seconded by Gary-KD9ABS, motion passed. Reminder that Bruce-KN0NUL is accepting dues money for the Club, including for 2022

Nominations for Officers:

President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and First Year Board Member are open for Election. Gary-KD9ABS will be opening the nominations and calling for each office.

President:

Nomination for Gene Ellefsen-N0VRM

Called three (3) times for nomination for the office of President

Vice President:

Mike-N0PDG will not be seeking re-election to the office

Nomination for David Pyrlík-K0DJP

Called three (3) times for the office of Vice President

Treasurer:

Bruce Carlson-KN0NUL

Called three (3) times for the office of Treasurer

Secretary:

Robin Davis

Called three (3) times for the office of Secretary

First Year Board Member:

Doug Nelson-AA0AW

Called three (3) time for the office of First Year Board Member

Nominations for each of the offices will stay open until the November General Membership meeting

Thomas J Reibold Award W9IBM Memorial Award:

Board members are seeking nominations for the Thomas. If you would like to suggest a nominee, please see Randy-AA0ME, Gary-KD9ABS or Dave-AA0AC, our current Board members

Fall Fest:

Thank you from John Cavanaugh-KC0AFE for your participation in making the Fall Fest successful again this year. They plan on doing it again next year, 2022. Everyone coming makes this a success and they appreciate it!

Bell Ringing:

Previously, ARAC has rung bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. It was not done last year because of the COVID restrictions. Is there any interest in returning to the tradition of bell ringing again this year? Several members indicated their interest so Gene-N0VRM will call the Salvation Army to set up a time for ARAC to ring bells

Repeater:

Discussion at the Board meeting brought forward concerning replacing the 94 Repeater. We have funds set aside in memory of Bob Boyd-KD0LYN for this project. Gene-N0VRM for ARAC has received notification that the Club will be receiving two (2) grants for this project. The first grant is from Enbridge, \$800.00, and the second grant is from Grandma's Marathon in the amount of \$1,500.00. This money will be used to upgrade the

equipment such as the Repeater, the Controller, the Amp, etc. Randy-KR0B worked up an estimate several months ago to give us direction as to the costs involved with upgrading the 94. Part of the funds required will be the estimate of \$5,000.00 to hire a tower climber. Gene-N0VRM is continuing the process of applying for additional grants. As part of this process, Gene-N0VRM had a discussion with Cheryl Meese-WA0PSB concerning donations and applying for grants to ARAC. She strongly recommended we change the Club's designation from 501C7 (Registered MN Non-Profit) to 501C3, which will enable us to receive donations. After some investigation, Gene-N0VRM recommends we apply for the new designation, using Form 1023EZ, as we have a budget under \$50,000.00 as a Club. There is a onetime fee of \$275.00 for the application. Motion by Mike-N0PDG, seconded by Robin, to proceed with the application for a designation of 501C3, motion passed

Education:

The Class is going well, with six (6) people attending online

Testing:

Doug-AA0AW has not received any interest in testing for their license. He is also looking at other options to hold the testing as the House of Refuge Church has become so busy that it is no longer viable for testing

FCC Fees:

Question if anyone has heard of the FCC increasing the costs for obtaining, changing or maintaining a Ham Radio License. At this time, it is status quo, pricing is staying the same for 2022

Paul Fleming, new Ham Radio Operator, won the \$5.00 door prize

Motion to adjourn by Bob-KC0NFB, seconded by Jeff Nast-KC0MKS, motion passed at 7:27 pm