

## ARAC Club Meeting

July 13, 2023

### Present:

President: Gene Ellefsen – N0VRM  
Vice President: Dave Pyrlík – K0DJP  
Treasurer/Membership: Sam Frey – KE0YTM  
Second Year Board: Doug Nelson – AA0AW  
Third Year Board: Dave Davis – AA0AC  
Special Events: Open/Gene Ellefsen – N0VRM (acting)  
Parliamentarian: Grant Forsyth – KC0WUP  
Repeater: Dave Pyrlík – K0DJP  
Testing: Doug Nelson – AA0AW  
Property/Picnic: Scott Ahlgren – N0VYU  
Ham Fest/Education: Bob Schulz – KC0NFB

### Absent:

Secretary: Melinda Nelson – KF0GJW  
First Year Board: Dennis Anderson – W0DIO  
Chaplin: Vacant  
Web Site: Thomas Dorr – KE0RHA  
Newsletter/Historian: Kim Waller – KE0NQS  
Newsletter/Historian: Steve Waller – KE0NQT

Meeting was called to order by President Gene Ellefsen -N0VRM, upstairs in the Sanctuary as the Fellowship Hall is occupied by the onsite Daycare, while the Daycare is being remodeled. Minutes are being taken by Robin Davis, Acting Secretary.

### New Ham:

Ben – KO4UDI, recently moved to this area. Welcomed Ben!

### Minutes:

Minutes are in the newsletter. Motion to accept by many. Motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

Checking: \$2,443.22  
Savings: \$3,575.93  
Repeater: \$3,319.30

**Subtotal Cash: \$9,338.45**

Winter CD: \$1,736.49

Summer CD: \$ 0.00

**Subtotal CD: \$1,736.49**

**Assets Subtotal: \$11,074.94**

Minus Checks Outstanding

**Checks Subtotal:**

**Grand Total \$11,074.94**

Motion to accept as presented by Bruce Carlson – KE0NIT, seconded by Grant Forsyth – KC0WUP, motion passed.

### **Board Actions:**

Board made a motion to spend up to \$300.00 on food for the upcoming Picnic, seconded by Grant Forsyth – KC0WUP. Discussion ensued with 10:00 am set up, 11:00 am start time, August 6, 2023, at Chamber's Grove. The Club provides Brats, Hot Dogs, Corn, Bob's Beans, Bottled Water and ask everyone to bring a dish to share. Reminder that Highway 23 is under construction and there is a Stop Light at the Park Entrance. Motion passed.

Board made a motion to purchase a new Antenna to replace the current Antenna on the WDSE Channel 8 Tower, motion was seconded by Grant Forsyth – KC0WUP. Discussion on being proactive to replace the Antenna prior to it failing. Idea is to get the old Antenna down off the Tower, inspect it and Replace it with a new Antenna. There will be a separate work even to replace the Feed Line, installing new Feed Line. Antenna purchase price is around \$1,000.00 ball park figure. We would be prepared should WDSE decide to hire a Tower Climber this year. Thoughts were to share the costs to the old Antenna taken down and the new one installed at the same time. Discussion around if the old Antenna is still working, could we sell it, keep it for a backup, give it away at the Annual Club Picnic, etc. There is money in the Repeater Fund due to a recent donation. The Motion to purchase a New Antenna to replace the current Antenna on the WDSE Channel 8 Tower was approved.

### **Field Day:**

Good time was had with over 1,000 contacts made, using Digital, Voice and CW. Plans are to do it again next year. Doug Nelson-AA0AW pointed out next year, as it has been in the past, Grandma's Marathon will be on the same weekend.

### **Education:**

Bob Schultz – KC0NBF and Paul Dallavia – KC0WDQ will be holding an Online Technician's class again this year. It will start September 26, 2023 and run through January. Interested folks should contact one of them for additional information.

### **Testing:**

Tested one individual, who obtained his Technician's License. Also tested in Ely, two weeks ago, and that Gentleman went from nothing to Extra in one test session. Congratulations!

### **New Business:**

Mitch Wiss-WA9TRY shared there is a 120-foot guyed tower that ARAC can have for free if we take it down. It located north of town. Brief discussion followed – see Mitch if interested.

Door Prize was won by AA0AW, who donated it back to the Club.

Motion to adjourn by Doug Nelson – AA0AW, seconded by many, motion passed at 19:41 (7:41 pm). Program tonight is an online video.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Davis, Acting Secretary