



Anoka County Radio Club

Board Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2008

Board Members Present:

Chrissy Neu KCØKE
Shawn Rung KØSMR
Tim Neu KCØLQL

Pete Alcock KBØKHZ
Dan Peitso NØPIY

Board Members Absent:

Bob Cordell KBØGIP

Called to order by the President at 7:06 pm.



Treasurer's Report:

Our balance is \$1215.77 as of this meeting. Accepted and Approved.

Secretary's Report:

Accepted and Approved.

Membership Committee:

No report available. The membership database is online now for board members.

VE Report:

Total Candidates: Report not available.

Repeater Status:

Nothing new.

Website:

Website is up to date.

Old Business:

Elections: We still need a Nominations Chairperson.

Hamfest and donations: Parry Brown KCØTWB was looking for help and donations for the upcoming Midwinter Madness Hamfest. The board also would like to have a dozen of the most recent newsletters for our table at the hamfest.

MOU: We still need to sign the official MOU agreement with Anoka ARES (official version). We need to obtain the form to sign.

Board Business: We still need new signatures at the bank. We are looking into switching banks to one that has online access for ease of recordkeeping and access.

Lightning protection: Nothing new.

Christmas Party: The board would like to see the 2008 Christmas party be similar to the 2007 one. The next party will be on Saturday, December 6th, 2008. We need to reserve the Blaine Baseball Complex for that weekend.

New Business:

Dan Peitso NØPIY announced that the MN VOAD conference will be held on February 16th at St. John the Baptist Church in New Brighton.

Adjourned at 7:46 p.m.





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February 19, 2008

Board Members Present:

Bob Cordell KBØGIP
Parry Brown KCØTWB

Shawn Rung KØSMR
Tim Neu KCØLQL

Jeff Kline KCØNIB

Board Members Absent:

Pete Alcock KBØKHZ

Guests Present:

Dave Runkle KCØKEP

Called to order by the President at 7:00 pm.



Treasurer's Report:

Our balance is \$1245.12 as of this meeting. Accepted and Approved.

Secretary's Report:

Accepted and Approved.

Old Business:

Hamfest and donations: Parry Brown KCØTWB has forms ready for donations.

MOU with Anoka ARES: We still need to sign the official MOU agreement with Anoka ARES (official version). We need to obtain the form to sign.

Christmas party: Looking ahead, the board decided that December 6, 2008 will be the date for the Annual Christmas Party this year, to be held at the Blaine Baseball Complex.

Lightning Protection: The board decided that the lightning protection costs will be a part of the repeater expenses and installed when the repeater is setup in it's final location.

New Business:

Dan Peitso NØPIY informed the board that the Red Cross has a placed a request for help when the Republican Convention comes to town. He will have more information as the event nears.

The board decided that Dan Peitso NØPIY will retain the mail key so he can retrieve the mail for the board.

Bob Cordell KBØGIP entertained an idea to have Tim Neu KCØLQL scout out a new bank to do our business at. **Shawn Rung KØSMR motioned that the board give Tim Neu KCØLQL the authority to look in to a new bank for ease of transactions for board members. Seconded.** Discussion - Jeff Kline KCØNIB asked if we could look into using a credit union as an option. Bob said that we would like to keep it easy to do our banking and have more locations to transact at and keep the costs low. **Accepted and Approved.** Tim will look into the options for a new bank.

Bob Cordell KBØGIP informed the board that we will now have two cardkeys assigned to the club in his name for the Blaine Baseball Complex. Each card has a \$50.00 cash deposit attached to it. Bob Cordell KBØGIP and Shawn Rung KØSMR will hold these keys.

Bob Cordell KBØGIP informed the board that the club has a supply of VHF portables that were donated by SBM fire in the past. The requirement to be able to do anything else with them is to blank each radio. Bob will setup a time and place to have all the gear need for the task. He is requesting help performing blanking of the radios.

Bob Cordell KBØGIP tasked Shawn Rung KØSMR with making a list of contact numbers and email addresses for each board member and distribute this list to each board member. He wants all the board members to be able to contact the others when needed. Also, whenever we can't make it to a board meeting, the board members that will be absent need to call either Bob or Shawn before the meeting so if a quorum won't be met, the other members don't need to show up unnecessarily.

Dave Runkle KCØKEP donated a payment for January's repeater costs to the club. He is asking all members that can to sponsor a month of repeater costs (~50.00) to help the club get the new repeater online sooner.

Bob Cordell KBØGIP wants the board to take a look at some amendments to our bylaws at future board meetings.

Bob Cordell KBØGIP asked the board members about having coffee and doughnuts at the general meetings. This topic will be discussed at future meetings.

VE Report:

Total Candidates: 5

Technician Licenses Granted: 3

General Licenses Granted: 1

Repeater Status:

Dave Runkle KCØKEP informed the board that the for the D-Star repeater has new G2 software from Icom and will be installed soon. The D-Star repeater will be housed at the Fridley site.

2-Meter Repeater: The Centerville site still needs to have a replacement antenna put on the tower.

Website:

Website is up to date.

Adjourned at 8:22 p.m.





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March 18, 2008

Board Members Present:

Bob Cordell KBØGIP
Parry Brown KCØTWB
Shawn Rung KØSMR

Tim Neu KCØLQL
Pete Alcock KBØKHZ

Board Members Absent:

Jeff Kline KCØNIB

Guests Present:

Terry Holman KAØTFJ

Lorri Rung KØLLR

Called to order by the President at 7:20 pm. 

Treasurer's Report:

Our balance is \$1837.27 as of this meeting. Accepted and Approved.

Secretary's Report:

Accepted and Approved.

Membership: We have 45 members as of this meeting.

Old Business:

Discussion on new bank options.

In regards to the upcoming possibility of the Red Cross requesting our assistance if needed at the timeframe around the RNC, the board decided to inform the members via an announcement in next newsletter and if formally requested by the Red Cross, we will contact members thru call tree to see who is open to help out with this event.

Bob Cordell KBØGIP has taken possession of two card keys from the Blaine Parks dept for the Blaine Baseball Complex. He will retain key number 254697 and give key number 254694 to Shawn Rung KØSMR. Deposits of \$50.00 each are being held by the Blaine Parks dept for these keys.

New Business:

Tim Neu KCØLQL filed our required tax forms online with the IRS at this meeting. He will email copies of those forms to the board members.

An anonymous member donated \$50.00 to sponsor the repeater operating costs for May. ***Thank you to that member for your donation!***

The board decided that we will start serving coffee and doughnuts or rolls at the next general meeting.

Field Day: The board decided that we will begin discussions about Field Day at the April General Meeting.

VE Report:

Total Candidates: 4

Technician Licenses Granted: 3


General Licenses Granted: 1

Repeater Status:

No report available.

Website:

Website is up to date.

Adjourned at 8:22 p.m. 



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April 15, 2008

Board Members Present:

Bob Cordell KBØGIP
Parry Brown KCØTWB
Shawn Rung KØSMR

Tim Neu KCØLQL
Pete Alcock KBØKHZ
Jeff Kline KCØNIB

Board Members Absent:

None

Guests Present:

Shep Shepardson NØNMZ

Called to order by the President at 7:00 pm.



Treasurer's Report:

Our balance is \$1837.27 as of this meeting. Accepted and Approved.

Secretary's Report:

Accepted and Approved.

Membership: We have 46 members as of this meeting.

Old Business:

Bob Cordell KBØGIP informed the board the new bank account at US Bank has been established. Signatures were taken at this meeting.

Parry Brown KCØTWB will meet with Dave Runkle KCØKEP and the BB4 Committee on April 25th.

VE Report:

Total Candidates: 8

Technician Licenses Granted: 4

General Licenses Granted: 2

Extra Licenses Granted: 1

Announcements:

A reminder from the President that the ACRC sponsored VE Session and Skywarn class will be on May 10th.

New Business:

Parry Brown KCØTWB transferred the Centerville receive site to Bob Cordell KBØGIP tonight.

Bob Cordell KBØGIP asked the board if we should form a committee to look into changing any bylaws. The consensus of the board was that we should ask the membership if they would like to form a committee for this purpose. **Tim Neu KCØLQL brought a motion that the board ask the membership if they would like to form a committee to look into changing the bylaws. Seconded by Parry Brown KCØTWB and Jeff Kline KCØNIB. Motion unanimously approved.**

Repeater Status:

Not available.

Website:

Website is up to date.

Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.





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May 20, 2008

Board Members Present:

Parry Brown KCØTWB
Shawn Rung KØSMR
Jeff Kline KCØNIB
Tim Neu KCØLQL

Board Members Absent:

Pete Alcock KBØKHZ
Bob Cordell KBØGIP

Guests Present:

Called to order by the Vice President at 7:12m.



Treasurer's Report:

Our balance is \$2421.75 as of this meeting. Accepted and Approved.

Secretary's Report:

Accepted and Approved.

Membership: We have 46 members as of this meeting.

Old Business:

None.

VE Report:

Total Candidates: 2

General Licenses Granted: 2

Announcements:

None.

New Business:

Parry Brown KCØTWB requested that we make a signup list for members to show food items they are willing to bring for the pot luck at Field Day. He also recommended asking that each person commit to bringing at least one item on the list.

Repeater Status:

The Centerville receive site is still inactive. The board discussed putting it back on the air with a different receive tone to enable people to "force-use" the site. Nothing was decided tonight, since our Repeater Chair, Dave Runkle KCØKEP, was not at the meeting. We were wondering if we could look into a different voter as well.

Website:

Website is up to date.

Adjourned at 7:51 p.m.





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June 17, 2008

Board Members Present:

Parry Brown KCØTWB
Shawn Rung KØSMR
Tim Neu KCØLQL
Pete Alcock KBØKHZ
Bob Cordell KBØGIP

Board Members Absent:

Jeff Kline KCØNIB

Guests Present:

Chrissy Neu KCØOKE
Dave Runkle KCØKEP
Andrew Turner KDØBEP

Called to order by the President at 7:02 p.m.



Treasurer's Report: Our balance is \$2367.66 as of this meeting. Accepted and Approved.

Secretary's Report: Accepted and Approved.

Membership: We have 46 members as of this meeting.

Old Business:

Field Day: This year Field Day will be co-sponsored with Anoka ARES/RACES. We will be in the same location as last year. Dave Runkle KCØKEP will provide equipment for and setup the HF1 and GOTA stations. Parry Brown KCØTWB will provide equipment for and setup the VHF/UHF stations. We are looking for members to provide and setup their equipment for the HF2 Station. If all goes as planned, we will be running as an F2 station this year, using the Blaine Communications trailer. We will use WØANA for the HF stations and WØYFZ for the GOTA station. PLEASE BRING KIDS! We will receive many more points for children and students who don't have a ham license – so if you have children or if you know high school students, please come on over and bring them with you!

Motion by Shawn Rung KØSMR to have the club match the Anoka-ARES/RACES contributions to the food at Field Day of \$50.00. Seconded by Parry Brown KCØTWB. Motion unanimously passed.

BB4 Parade: Anoka-ARES will take the lead at this event. They have coordinated with Blaine to use the Blaine Communications trailer. This year they will be staged at Jefferson and Territorial Road. Ross DeMeyere will be the lead for this event.

BB4 Fireworks: The fireworks event will be the same as last year. Anoka-ARES has secured the Blaine Communications trailer for use in this event. Everyone is welcome to join us and bring the kids too! There will be a potluck before the event, so bring a food item to share.

Repeater Status:

Discussion on balancing the Centerville Receive site. Dave Runkle KCØKEP shared his opinion that it is very difficult to tune it properly due to issues inherent in the voter. The board felt that it would be better to switch over to the Centerville Receive site and put the Fridley site on standby for maintenance of the system.

D-Star Repeater Status: Dave Runkle KCØKEP informed the board that the MRC preliminarily approved both the 440 MHz and 1.2 GHz pairs. They did not approve the 2-meter pair. We still need a 1.2 GHz cavity for the system. Fridley has approved putting the system up on their tower. We are waiting for final approval for the site, which should happen in August. By agreement with Anoka County Emergency Management, Anoka-RACES will be the trustee of the site.

VE Report:

Total Candidates: 3

Element 2 (Technician Class) earned: 1

Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.





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July 15, 2008

Board Members Present:

Parry Brown KCØTWB
Shawn Rung KØSMR
Tim Neu KCØLQL
Pete Alcock KBØKHZ
Bob Cordell KBØGIP

Board Members Absent:

Jeff Kline KCØNIB

Guests Present:

Andrew Turner KDØBEP
Dan Peitso NØPIY

Called to order by the President at 7:03 p.m.



Treasurer's Report: Our balance is \$2313.08 as of this meeting. Accepted and Approved.

Secretary's Report: Accepted and Approved.

Membership: We have 47 members as of this meeting.

Old Business:

Dan Peitso NØPIY updated the board on the request for help from the Red Cross. They will need four radio operators for shelters that will be on standby during the Republican National Convention. They will need help from August 30th thru September 5th (7 days) in 8 hour shifts. They have requested the use our repeater to pass traffic if a net is started. ACRC members would run and control the net. Dan will provide a tentative plan to the club secretary for the board to review.

Tim Neu KCØLQL updated the board as to the status of the automatic payments for our utilities. Qwest has been setup with the new bank as autopay. He also setup our web domain fees as an autopay.

Field Day 2008 had a great turnout. We attained a total score of 1302 points. Great Job, everyone! Some ideas for next year include: Possibly having a 3-hf setup; Include signage as to what is where, and what is what; and have greeters or information officers to help people that are new or not familiar with radio navigate the site and understand what's going on.

The BB4 Committee has asked us if we could become more involved with the BB4 events next year. We will discuss this topic in more detail in future meetings.

A topic of discussion was brought up regarding training for members and hams in general. In future meetings, we should discuss the possibility of having classes and training in net control operations and general radio training (antennas, feedline, radio usage, etc.). We have been approached by a handful of organizations requesting that we work with them in Simulated Emergency Test-like scenarios like a lost person, search and rescue, setting up backbone communications, etc.

In regards to updating the bylaws, the Bylaws Committee indicated to Bob Cordell KBØGIP that they will meet and should have some ideas by the October General Meeting.

We are looking for more VE's, especially General class and higher.

Repeater Status:

Bob Cordell KBØGIP brought to the board that the repeater is in dire need of a new voter. He tasked himself and Shawn Rung KØSMR with researching and securing a new voter. **Motion by Tim Neu KCØLQL to investigate the purchase of a new voter. Seconded by Parry Brown KCØTWB. Discussion: A new voter is definitely recognized and desired by the board. Motion unanimously approved.** Shawn and Bob will attempt to secure one before the October General meeting.

Bob Cordell KBØGIP informed the board that he is looking into securing a site in Ramsey as another Receive site. The site will be located on a tower near hwy 116 & hwy 47. He will keep us posted on the status.

Bob Cordell KBØGIP informed the board that John Dooley, the State of MN Communications Officer approached him and requested presenting at our October General Meeting. He would like to give a presentation on mutual aid and communications. Bob requested that we promote this meeting and speaker to everyone we can.

D-Star Repeater Status: No update available.

VE Report:

Total Candidates: 2

Element 2 (Technician Class) earned: 1

New Business:

The Simple Supper will be held on Friday, September 5th at 7:00 p.m. Tim Neu KCØLQL will handle purchasing the food and related items for this. **Motion by Shawn Rung KØSMR for the club to provide the meat and buns for the simple supper event. Seconded by Parry Brown KCØTWB. Motion unanimously approved.**


Bob Cordell KBØGIP requested that the board attempt to increase membership and activity in advance of the October Membership Meeting. In discussion it was agreed that it would be good to have more programs and presentations at the general meetings.

The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 6th. Shawn Rung KØSMR and Lorri Rung KØLLR will be the lead members on this event. In discussion the idea of bringing back Hams Against Hunger looked like a great idea (members could bring in a food donation to the party).

Bob Cordell KBØGIP asked the board how they felt about bringing back the Santa-net at Christmas. We would need a net controller and some other members to help out in local hospitals. We will discuss this event at future meetings.

Dan Peitso NØPIY announced that there will be an AERO class on Saturday, July 26th at United Hospital in St. Paul on 333 N Smith Street. Contact Dan for more information.

A motion was entertained by the President for Adjournment.

Adjourned at 8:10 p.m. 



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September 16, 2008

Board Members Present:

Parry Brown KCØTWB
Tim Neu KCØLQL
Pete Alcock KBØKHZ
Bob Cordell KBØGIP

Board Members Absent:

Jeff Kline KCØNIB
Shawn Rung KØSMR

Guests Present:

Called to order by the President at 7:10 p.m.



Treasurer's Report: Not Available.

Secretary's Report: Not Available.

Membership: Not Available.

Old Business:

Tim Neu KCØLQL brought up that Dave Runkle KC0KEP would like us to fund a duplexer for the D-Star repeater. **Tim Neu KCØLQL motioned that the club authorize a \$1000.00 budget to pay for a 1.2 GHz duplexer and a set of 440 filters upon receiving a written proposal from Dave Runkle KC0KEP with all the needed details. Seconded by Parry Brown KCØTWB. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion on up coming meeting programs.

Discussion on the upcoming field day events. Parry Brown KCØTWB will be heading up the committee for these.

Repeater Status: No update available.

D-Star Repeater Status: No update available.

VE Report:

Not available.

New Business: None.

Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.





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Board Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2008

Board Members Present:

Parry Brown KCØTWB
Pete Alcock KBØKHZ
Bob Cordell KBØGIP
Shawn Rung KØSMR

Board Members Absent:

Jeff Kline KCØNIB
Tim Neu KCØLQL

Guests Present:

Lorri Rung KØLLR

Called to order by the President at 7:04 p.m.



Treasurer's Report: Not Available.

Secretary's Report: Accepted and Approved as amended.

Membership Report: Not Available.

Repeater Status: No update available.

D-Star Repeater Status: No update available.

VE Report:

Total Candidates: 7

Technician Licenses Granted: 2

Extra Licenses Granted: 2

Old Business:

Hams Against Hunger: At the October General Meeting, the members indicated that the ACRC should start taking food donations at various events and donate them to a local food shelf. Hams Against Hunger donations will be accepted at any of the General and Board meetings, as well as any of the club sponsored events. If you know of a family that is in need of food donations, please contact Bob Cordell KBØGIP.

Christmas Party: The board decided on a tiered pricing for the annual Christmas party for this year. The price will be: \$25.00 for individuals, \$45 for couples and \$60 per family. Shawn Rung KØSMR and Lorri Rung KØLLR will be sending out invitations / RSVP's in the upcoming newsletter. We will also be collecting food donations for Hams Against Hunger at the event.

SantaNet 2008: We will be re-starting this annual event this year. The goal of the SantaNet is to allow children that are in Unity and Mercy hospitals on Christmas Eve to talk with Santa via a net with a link directly to the North Pole. After all of the children in the hospitals have had a chance to talk to Santa, the net will be opened up to anyone on the repeater to talk with Santa, until he needs to prepare for his Christmas flight. The SantaNet will be held on Wednesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve Day), starting at 3:30 p.m.

We need to have at least 12 volunteers for this event - 4 hams at two area hospitals (Unity and Mercy) with portables and 4 hams at the Blaine Baseball Complex running net control to a communications link at the North Pole to be provided by one of Santa's helpers on that day. The Please contact Bob Cordell KBØGIP ASAP if you can help out with this event.

New Business:

Technician Class Exam Class: Ann Foster K0ANN, Al Schwarz AEØAL and Jay Jagerson NØMDF are putting on a Technician Class Exam Preparation Class that will be held on Friday, October 31st, Saturday, November 1st, and Friday November 7th at the Blaine City Hall. Exams will be held at the VE Session on Saturday, November 8th at the Blaine City Hall.

Adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

