



# Anoka County Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2008

### Members / Guests Present:

Andrew Turner KDØBEP  
Bob Cordell KBØGIP  
Dan Peitso NØPIY  
Dave Holter WØDAH  
Dave Runkle KCØKEP

Don Lisell KØBNS  
Jay Jagerson NØMDF  
Jeff Kline KCØNIB  
Mike Marshik KBØTZA  
Parry Brown KCØTWB

Pat Barot KBØOLI  
Paul Bushouse NØTYE  
Pete Alcock KBØKHZ  
Ray Amundson WBØCKK  
Shawn Rung KØSMR

**Called to Order by the Vice President at 7:09 p.m.**

**Pledge**

**Introductions**

- **D-Star Repeater Report:** Dave Runkle KCØKEP reports that a gateway internet connection to the repeater is now active. The 440 component of the repeater now has a 300 watt amplifier on its output as well. He is still finalizing the site selection for the repeater. Mercy Hospital and the Fridley Site are the current best candidates since the equipment can be physically close to the antennas. Dave currently has antennas donated for the 2-meter, 440 and 1.2 GHz Digital Data setups. We are still needing an antenna for 1.2g Digital Voice yet.
- **Christmas Party:** Tabled for the February General meeting.
- **Elections:** Tonight's meeting is the nominations meeting. Chrissy Neu KCØOKE has nominated Shawn Rung KØSMR for the position of President. Dan Peitso NØPIY was nominated for Board Member at Large. Nominations will be accepted up to the beginning of the elections. Members please take note: In order to vote or run for a position, you must have your dues paid in full!
- **ID Badges:** Dave Runkle KCØKEP reports that he is currently printing the new badges. He will mail them to everyone that is current in the membership database when they are done printing.
- Jay Jagerson NØMDF requested an update on the Centerville receive site. Dave Runkle KCØKEP gave an update including that the receive site radio setup is currently at Parry Brown KCØTWB's house for testing. Bob Cordell KBØGIP indicated that he tested the feedline on the tower and that it looks good. He suspects that the antenna is the faulty component and that we should replace it. Parry will call Bob and arrange to get the replacement antenna up on the tower.
- The Kit Builders group is on hold for now, as per Mike Marshik KBØTZA.
- Jay Jagerson NØMDF reported that we still need more VE's.

**Treasurer's Report:** Our balance is \$1575.77 as of this meeting.

**Secretary's Report:** Unanimously Accepted.

**Meeting Adjourned 7:45**



# Anoka County Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2008

### Members / Guests Present:

Al Schwarz AEØAL  
Andrew Turner KDØBEP  
Ann Foster KØANN  
Bob Cordell KBØGIP  
Chrissy Neu KCØOKE  
Dan Peitso NØPIY  
Dave Holter WØDAH  
Dave Runkle KCØKEP

Jeff Kline KCØNIB  
Jeremy Amundson KDØBOC  
Karen Runkle KCØWEM  
Larry Scales NØOPZ  
Lorri Rung KØLLR  
Mark Sandmann KBØWOM  
Jim Burger NØWDY  
Mike Marshik KBØTZA

Parry Brown KCØTWB  
Pat Barot KBØOLI  
Paul Bushouse NØTYE  
Pete Alcock KBØKHZ  
Shawn Rung KØSMR  
Tim Neu KCØLQL

### Called to Order by the President at 7:15 p.m.

### Pledge

### Introductions

### Announcements:

- Parry Brown KCØTWB will be attending the Midwinter Madness Hamfest in Buffalo, MN. He is looking for members' donations of equipment to sell for the benefit of the club's new D-Star repeater project. Please contact him if you can help out or have gear to donate.
- Dan Peitso NØPIY announced the upcoming AERO Basic course to be held on March 15<sup>th</sup> at Great River Energy in Elk River, MN. Please contact Dan or see our website for more details.
- Dan Peitso NØPIY announced the upcoming MN VOAD Seminar to be held on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the St. John the Baptist Church in New Brighton. Please contact Dan or see our website for more details.
- Bob Cordell KBØGIP mentioned that Skywarn is looking for trainers. Please see Bob for more information.

### Old Business:

- D-Star Repeater: Dave Runkle KCØKEP is currently working with the City of Fridley to have the Fridley site be the primary location for our new repeater system. The Main issue is that there are no available mountings on the top of the water tower. He is working with the appropriate people to get this resolved. We are waiting for a formal letter from the city and finalized coordination for frequencies and then everything will be set to go. WØANA will be the repeater's call sign. The UHF frequency will be: 442.100+ DV. The 1.2 GHz frequency for data only will be: 1245.900 DD. The other frequencies are still being finalized.
- 2-meter Repeater: Nothing new. We still need a work party for installing a new antenna at the Centerville site. Waiting for warmer weather.
- Dave Runkle KCØKEP is offering a money matching idea for the repeater for a month. Will discuss this at the next meeting.
- Membership: Dave Runkle KCØKEP said that we are at 42 members as of this meeting. This included 10 family memberships, 19 individual memberships, 11 new ham memberships and 2 senior memberships.

**New Business:** No New Business.

**Elections:** **Bob Cordell KBØGIP** motioned to open the floor for nominations. Motion was accepted.

**President**

Nominations:

Shawn Rung KØSMR was nominated by Chrissy Neu KCØOKE. He declined.  
Chrissy Neu KCØOKE was nominated by Pat Barot KBØOLI. She declined.  
Bob Cordell KBØGIP was nominated by Ann Foster KØANN. He accepted.

**Bob Cordell KBØGIP was elected as President by white ballot (uncontested).**

**Vice President**

Nominations:

Ann Foster KØANN nominated herself. She accepted.  
Dave Holter WØDAH was nominated by Bob Cordell KBØGIP. He declined.  
Shawn Rung KØSMR was nominated by Al Schwarz AEØAL. He declined.  
Parry Brown KCØTWB was nominated by Tim Neu KCØLQL. He accepted.  
Jeff Kline KCØNIB was nominated by Shawn Rung KØSMR. He accepted.

**Parry Brown KCØTWB was elected as Vice President by majority vote.**

**Secretary**

Nominations:

Shawn Rung KØSMR was nominated by Bob Cordell KBØGIP. He accepted.

**Shawn Rung KØSMR was elected as Secretary by white ballot (uncontested).**

**Board Member at Large**

Nominations:

Dan Peitso NØPIY was nominated by Shawn Rung KØSMR. He accepted.  
Jeff Kline KCØNIB was nominated by Ann Foster KØANN. He accepted.

**Jeff Kline KCØNIB was elected as Board Member at Large by majority vote.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**



# Anoka County Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2008

### Members / Guests Present:

Al Schwarz AEØAL  
Andrew Turner KDØBEP  
Bob Cordell KBØGIP  
Brian Lakeman KCØZTW  
Dan Peitso NØPIY  
Dave Holter WØDAH  
Jeff Kline KCØNIB

Jeremiah Bohn KCØFUI  
Jeremy Amundson KDØBOC  
Mark Sandmann KBØWOM  
Mike Marshik KBØTZA  
Parry Brown KCØTWB  
Pat Barott KBØOLI  
Paul Bushouse NØTYE

Pete Alcock KBØKHZ  
R.J. Ochmann KDØCYG  
Ray Costello NØFY  
Shawn Rung KØSMR  
Shep Shepardson NØNMZ  
Terry Holman KAØTFJ

**Called to Order by the President at 7:05 p.m.**

**Pledge**

**Introductions**

### Announcements:

- There will be a Board Meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Blaine Baseball Complex, starting at 7:00 p.m.
- The annual ACRC Christmas party will be held this year on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Blaine Baseball Complex. Price and menu are still to be determined.
- We are looking for members to "Sponsor" a month of repeater costs thru a \$50 donation. Please contact any board member if you can help us out or if you want more information.
- We are intending to increase the number of events throughout the year. Ideas are welcome – please contact a board member if you have an idea for a fun event! Some of the ideas have included fox hunting, geo caching with a ham twist, a summer picnic, Santa Net, etc.
- We would like to work actively to increase membership in our club. If you know of anyone who you feel would be interested in becoming a member, please invite them to attend a general meeting or meet with any of the board members. Remember – they don't have to be a ham to be a member of our club!

**Membership:** There are 42 members registered as of this meeting.

### Old Business:

- Bob Cordell KBØGIP informed the members that board members will be contacting members periodically to see what you are thinking about the club and to see if there are any questions that they can answer.
- Bob Cordell KBØGIP also encouraged the members to use the repeater. An active repeater is a sign of an active club.

**Motion by Ray Costello NØFY to have coffee and doughnuts and possibly door prizes at general meetings. Seconded by Al Schwarz AEØAL. Motion passed.**

**New Business:**

- Ray Costello NØFY Showed some information and an example of a DSP radio kit. He noted that they are easy and fun to build.
- Dan Peitso NØPIY, as representative of the Red Cross, asked members to be open to being available to help out with their operations during the Republican National Convention. Red cross has been asked to help out with a disaster relief operation. A communications problem may exist since no hotels will be available and they will need to open shelters and need hams for communications. The board has offered the club's assistance via our call tree. All members present had no issue with this arrangement. Contact Dan for more information.
- Bob Cordell KBØGIP informed everyone that most of our events are family events – please bring the kids and family!
- Greg Marx WFØGM donated \$75.00 to the club. *Thank you Greg, for your donation!*
- Dave Holter WØDAH has sponsored the repeater for March with a \$50.00 donation. *Thank you, Dave, for your donation!*
- Brian Lakeman KCØZTW has sponsored the repeater for April with a \$50.00 donation. *Thank you, Brian, for your donation!*
- Ray Costello NØFY donated \$5.00 to the repeater fund. *Thank you, Ray, for your donation!*

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 p.m.**



# Anoka County Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2008

### Members / Guests Present:

Al Schwarz AEØAL  
Andrew Turner KDØBEP  
Bob Cordell KBØGIP  
Brian Lakeman KCØZTW  
Dan Peitso NØPIY  
Dan Pleau KCØUQW  
Dave Holter WØDAH

Jeremy Amundson KDØBOC  
Larry Scales NØOPZ  
Mark Sandmann KBØWOM  
Parry Brown KCØTWB  
Pat Barot KBØOLI  
Paul Bushouse NØTYE  
Pete Alcock KBØKHZ

Ray Costello NØFY  
Richard Young KCØWJE  
Russell Jones KCØIVL  
Shawn Rung KØSMR  
Shep Shepardson NØNMZ  
Thomas Holleran KCØVXC  
Tim Neu KCØLQL

**Called to Order by the President at 7:14 p.m.**

**Pledge**

**Introductions**

### Announcements:

There will be a Board Meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Blaine Baseball Complex, starting at 7:00 p.m.

**Membership:** There are 46 members registered as of this meeting.

### Old Business:

Pat Barott KBØOLI has been working with the Lino Lakes Police department to initiate interest in a network of hams to keep a neighborhood watch nearby their homes. He has a small video with information. Contact Dave Runkle KCØKEP or Bob Cordell KBØGIP for more information.

Bob Cordell KBØGIP informed the membership that the club will be changing banks. Our new bank will be US Bank.

Field Day: Dave Runkle KCØKEP gave a short run down on the events for this years Field Day. Anoka ARES has already secured the parking lot for our field day event. It is registered under both ACRC and Anoka ARES. This year Field Day will be held from Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> starting at noon thru Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> ending at noon. Setup will start at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> and cleanup will occur after noon on Sunday. Contact Dave Runkle KCØKEP for more information and to signup to help with this event.

Blaine Blazin 4<sup>th</sup> (BB4): The Blaine Blazin 4<sup>th</sup> parade will take place on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and the Blaine Fireworks will be held on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss more information about the club's participation in these events at the April Board meeting. Bob Cordell KBØGIP asked for input from the membership as to how much we would like to help out. The members present thought that between the parade, fireworks and field day, we'd have our hands full. The board concurred with this position. Contact Dave Runkle KCØKEP or Bob Cordell KBØGIP for more information and to signup to help with these events.

### Upcoming Anoka ARES Events:

Skywarn Class on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Blaine City Hall. Contact Dave Runkle KCØKEP for more information on this event.

Anoka ARES/RACES Medical Drill on Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup>. Contact Dave Runkle KCØKEP or Dave Healy KBØMVV for more information on this event.

MS SCRAM's MS150 Run will be held from Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>. Anoka ARES/RACES are already signed up to help with this event. Contact Dave Runkle KCØKEP for more information on this event.

Chisago Lakes Triathlon will be held on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. They need many hams to help out with communications for this event. Please contact Dave Runkle KC0KEP for more information on how to sign up or for more information on this event.

Ramsey County MARC has requested help from Anoka ARES for the Turtle Man Triathlon to be held on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact Dave Runkle KC0KEP for more information on this event

D-Star Repeater: Dave Runkle KC0KEP informed us that the D-Star Repeater is up and running, though still in his basement. Ross DeMeyere W0FTX has sent forms to MRC to get approval for the 440 frequency pair. The approval should happen by next month. At that point, we can formally program the official frequencies and then get it up in its final location with temporary antennas. Then we can have Fridley install mounts for the permanent antennas.

#### **New Business:**

Dave Runkle KC0KEP has received a number of emails indicating that some repeater users were not ID-ing at the end of their QSO's. We have reminded repeater users of the requirement to properly ID and since then the incidents have reduced in frequency. On March 4<sup>th</sup> at around 1:20 p.m. an individual used very foul language on our repeater. This person did not ID or give any indication of who it was. Just as the repeater was about to be shut down by Dave Runkle, the person stopped and has not been heard from since.

Richard Young KC0WJE asked if we could do a station at the Anoka County fair this year. Bob Cordell KB0GIP told the membership that we would need to have the booth staffed for the entire duration of the fair.

**Ray Costello N0FY made a motion that the ACRC NOT participate in the Anoka County Fair. Seconded by Richard Young KC0WJE. Motion passed.**

Assisting the Red Cross while the Republican National Convention is running: The ACRC was asked by Red Cross to help by providing communications support if needed should an emergency arise during the time the Republican National Convention is being held (we would NOT be involved with the convention in any way, shape or form). Bob Cordell KB0GIP asked the membership if they had any issues with being asked to help. There were no issues from the floor. Bob Cordell KB0GIP asked the members if we could use members names and telephone numbers as a calling tree to contact them for helping the Red Cross. No one present had an issue with the call tree idea.

Dave Runkle KC0KEP also informed the members that ARES has asked that hams to be prepared for a rapid response if a disaster were to happen during the Republican National Convention, since a majority of the standard emergency personnel will be dedicated to the convention.

Mark Sandmann KB0WOM gave his appreciation to Dan Peitso for holding the AERO basic class. He also thanked Bob Cordell KB0GIP for helping setup his antenna to get him on 40 meters.

Parry Brown KC0TWB recognized Jeremy Amundson KD0BOC, Al Schwarz AE0AL and Paul Bushouse N0TYE for helping out with the Buffalo Hamfest fund raiser event. Thank you for your hard work! We made \$663.00 in profit for the club! We will try this again next year as well. Thank you to those who made donations. The Anoka County Radio Club also thanks Parry Brown KC0TWB for his dedication to coordinating this event – Great Job!

Bob Cordell KB0GIP announced that we will be having a work party to document and move about 800 donated radios from Dave Runkle's basement. He asked for 6 to 8 people to help out with this. Contact Bob Cordell KB0GIP to help out or for more information.

Paul Bushouse N0TYE has sponsored the repeater for May with a \$50.00 donation. ***Thank you, Paul, for your donation!***

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 p.m.**



# Anoka County Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2008

### Members / Guests Present:

Al Schwarz AEØAL  
Andrew Turner KDØBEP  
Ann Foster KØANN  
Brian Lakeman KCØZTW  
Chrissy Neu KCØOKE  
Dan Fish  
Dan Morrison KDØDQL

Dan Peitso NØPIY  
Jay Jagerson NØMDF  
Jeff Kline KCØNIB  
Jeremy Amundson KDØBOC  
Keith Lakeman KCØZZQ  
Kevin Huyck KB9WOB  
Maline Fish

Parry Brown KCØTWB  
Pat Barot KBØOLI  
Paul Bushouse NØTYE  
Shawn Rung KØSMR  
Shep Shepardson NØNMZ  
Wayne Mayer KBØYZC

**Called to Order by the Vice President at 7:03 p.m.**

### Pledge

### Introductions

### Announcements:

- There will be a Board Meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Blaine Baseball Complex, starting at 7:02 p.m.
- VE Exams will be held on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Blaine City Hall Mark Stack Room.
- Skywarn Training will be held on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> starting at noon in the Blaine City Hall Mark Stack Room.

**Membership:** There are 46 members registered as of this meeting.

### Old Business:

Field Day: A discussion on field day indicated that the members would like to see a pot luck at this event with a signup sheet (to allow for a good variety of food). Six members indicated that they will definitely be there participating in the event.

Blaine Blazin 4<sup>th</sup> (BB4): We still need to determine the times and specific locations for the fireworks and parade. We need people to help out with these events. The more, the better. Be sure to bring bug repellent and a chair! Get there early and be prepared to stay late!

D-Star Repeater: No update available.

Assisting the Red Cross while the Republican National Convention is running: Dan Peitso NØPIY indicated that there is no further information available on this yet. He will be holding an AERO Basic class on July 26<sup>th</sup> at United Hospital in St. Paul to prepare for this. The class will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please note that the Dan now requires the FEMA ICS-100 training before you can take the class.

Ann Foster KØANN announced that as per Frank Karnauskas N1UW, the ARES Minnesota Section Emergency Coordinator, the chances of an ARES activation due to a communications emergency occurring in the timeframe of the Republican National Convention are almost none. However, if a severe weather event were to occur, Skywarn certified hams would be needed for weather reporting.

### New Business:

The Centerville Receive site was returned to its location, but we noticed that the voter needs retuning. The receive site will stay inactive until that tuning can happen.



The board asked the membership if we should form a committee to look into changing the club's bylaws. The consensus of the members was that we should form a committee to do that. **Motion by Jay Jagerson NØMDF to form a committee to investigate changing the clubs bylaws. Seconded by Chrissy Neu KCØOKE. Motion Approved.** Jay Jagerson NØMDF volunteered to head that committee. Chrissy Neu KCØOKE and Shep Shep Shepardson NØNMZ volunteered to be on the committee. The members liked the idea of e-mailing the general membership to poll what members see as any issues with the current bylaws and to include that document in the e-mail.

Parry Brown KCØTWB announced that Scott Hash KCØBZG is interested in setting up a foxhunting event. Please contact Scott if you are interested.

Jeremy Amundson KDØBOC asked if we could have various members experience running the net every other week. Parry Brown KCØTWB said that it sounds like a good idea but to make sure to do it if you say you will.

Jay Jagerson NØMDF announced that we need more VE's especially for the summer and especially extra class VE's. We would like to have another Technician level class. A summer class has been frequently requested. Al would like to assist running a General level class.

Parry Brown KCØTWB presented a certificate of appreciation to Dan and Maline Fish for all the help and support they have given to the Anoka County Radio Club. *Thank you, Dan and Maline!*

Shep Shepardson NØNMZ donated \$25.00 to the repeater fund. *Thank you, Shep, for your donation!*  
Jeff Kline KCØNIB sponsored the repeater for July with a donation of \$50.00. *Thank you, Jeff, for your donation!*

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

Parry Brown KCØTWB showed an ARRL presentation called *Simulated Emergency Test*.



# Anoka County Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2008

### Members / Guests Present:

Al Schwarz AEØAL  
Bob Cordell KBØGIP  
Brian Lakeman KCØZTW  
Chrissy Neu KCØOKE  
Dan Peitso NØPIY  
Dave Holter WØDAH  
Don Lisell KØBNS

John Tuttle KCØULV  
Keith Lakeman KCØZZQ  
Mike Marshik KBØTZA  
Parry Brown KCØTWB  
Paul Bushouse NØTYE  
Pete Alcock KBØKHZ  
Richard Young KCØWJE

Shawn Rung KØSMR  
Shep Shepardson NØNMZ  
Tim Neu KCØLQL

**Called to Order by the President at 7:09 p.m.**

**Pledge**

**Introductions**

### Announcements:

There will be discussions on ideas for up coming events up at the November General Meeting.

Just a note that Nominations for elections of board members will take place at the January Board Meeting. Elections for those nominated will be held in February. This year, the positions open for nominations are: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Board Member at Large. The Committee on bylaws will report to us in January and we will need a 2/3 member majority vote to make any changes. Please plan ahead to attend the February Elections Meeting.

### Old Business:

The board approved a budget of up to \$1000 to fund a duplexer for the 1.2 GHz DSTAR repeater and a set of filters for 440 DSTAR Unit.

### New Business:

Santa Net - Bob Cordell KBØGIP asked the members if we as a club would like to bring the Santa Net back into operation. It dates back to almost 20 years ago; we took volunteers and went to local hospitals with kids that couldn't be home for Christmas Eve. Net Control ran a net connected to Santa at the North Pole.

**Al Schwartz AEØAL motioned that the club resume the Santa Net. Dan Peitso NØPYI Seconded.**

**Discussion: This event runs on Christmas Eve afternoon, so we need dedicated volunteers to help make this a success. Unanimously approved.** We will be looking for volunteers to help out with this event soon!

Hams Against Hunger: This is an event that we have also ran in the past at the Christmas Party. Bob asked if we would like to resume collecting food item donations and giving them to a local food shelf. The members present felt this would be a good idea. **Al Schwartz AEØAL motioned that the club resume the Hams Against Hunger food collection. Chrissy Neu KCØOKE seconded. Unanimously approved.** We will start with the collection at the Christmas Party.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:29 p.m.**

John Dooley, the State of Minnesota Communications Officer, gave a presentation on Emergency Communications.



# Anoka County Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2008

### Members / Guests Present:

Al Schwarz AEØAL  
Ann Foster KØANN  
Bob Cordell KBØGIP  
Chrissy Neu KCØOKE  
Dave Johnson KDØFMM

Jay Jagerson NØMDF  
Jeremiah Bohn KCØFUI  
Jeremy Amundson KDØBOC  
Keith Lakeman KCØZZQ  
Lorri Rung KØLLR

Parry Brown KCØTWB  
Pete Alcock KBØKHZ  
Shawn Rung KØSMR  
Shep Shepardson NØNMZ

**Called to Order by the President at 7:15 p.m.**

### Pledge

### Old Business:

Bylaws Committee: Shep Shepardson NØNMZ still needs an electronic copy of the current bylaws. The Secretary will email a copy to him. Bob Cordell KBØGIP informed the membership that there was a request to have a central contact person (board position / non voting) that anyone can talk to and the board can communicate with. There would need to be a change to the bylaws for this to happen.

Hams Against Hunger: Discussion and reminder for this event.

Christmas Party: Shawn Rung KØSMR announced that the basic menu will be turkey, ham, mashed and au gratin potatoes, with various other items as well. We will be collecting donations for Hams Against Hunger. There will be door prizes and a white elephant gift exchange (so bring white elephant "gifts"!!). The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for social hour and the dinner will begin at 6:30. RSVP's are requested on or before Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

SantaNet: We need to have committed volunteers by the date of the Christmas party so we can commit to the running this event. Please contact Bob Cordell KBØGIP ASAP to let him know that you are able to help out.

### New Business:

Projects for next year: Bob Cordell KBØGIP asked the membership "what events do we want to embark on as a club for next year?" A few members present would like to see our events run like they were back about five or so years ago. The membership present indicated that about 4 to 8 events per year is a good goal. Jay Jagerson NØMDF mentioned that maybe as a club we could go in the direction of contesting and special events stations. Some ideas in this realm would be special events stations for or at the boy and girl scouts, split rock lighthouse (Gales of November), Kelly Farm in the fall, Northtown, Riverdale, etc. There was also interest in the swapmeet / hamfests to drum up some money for the club. The consensus of the members present was that this year, a couple contests, field day and a special events station would be a good start. We all should keep our eyes on what is happening in our communities. We will revisit this at the January meeting to see who will be willing to work the events.

Field day: This year we are alternating to the primary sponsor for Field Day, with Anoka ARES as the secondary. We need to start planning it. Parry Brown KCØTWB is the lead on this.

Exam Classes: The consensus of the membership present indicated that we should put on more classes for prospective hams to become licensed and for existing members to upgrade to higher class licenses. Jay Jagerson NØMDF and Al Schwarz AEØAL are the current instructors, but they need more volunteers to help out with the classes. Jay and Al will report back to the board in December as to what they would like to set up.

Elections are coming – think about who you would like to nominate.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:42 p.m.**