



Anoka County Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2015

Board Members Present:

Bob Cordell KBØGIP
Shawn Rung K0SMR
Jeremiah Bohn KC0FUI
Annette Larson KB1UOG
Dan Peitso N0PIY

Members Present:

Jay Jagerson N0MDF
Matt Magdefrau N2PSR
Al Schwarz AE0AL
Thomas Lewandowski N9DVT
Dale Christopherson KE0BRZ
Tom Yarbrough KE0ABP
Thomas Lucey KD0NAA
Emily Neu
Margaret Neu
Robert Neu

Guests Present:

Dominick Burch

Called to order by the President at 7:01 p.m. 

Treasurer's Report: The balance is \$757.04 as of this meeting; of this, \$360 will be spent in Feb. for insurance. We still need to raise approx. \$750 to pay off the loan we received to buy the new repeaters (see below). Accepted and Approved.

Secretary's Report: See Old Business below.

VE Report: There was a VE session last month; it went well.

Old Business/2014 in review:

- The Christmas Party was a lot of fun. We had quite a few folks this year!
- The Wed. night net is going well, with Clay as the net control.
- SantaNet was not needed this year.
- Annette ran an information table at the Coon Rapids American Legion in November.
- 4 Repeaters were ordered from Yaesu; they will be used primarily as link sites. More discussion on this topic at this month's Board meeting.

New Business:

- Shawn has QSL cards from the Halloween special event station; he passed them around the room for show and tell.
- We need to review the bylaws this evening, as per the bylaws, which state the bylaws must be reviewed in every year divisible by 5. Shawn asked for changes/suggestions/etc. from the floor – hearing none, the bylaws are deemed to have been officially reviewed.

- **Tonight is the ACRC Board Nominations Meeting!** Interested in serving? Nominations will also be taken at the elections meeting in February. Open positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Board Member at Large #1.

Nominations for offices:

President:

Shawn Rung K0SMR (accepted)

Vice President:

Tim Neu KC0LQL (accepted)

Treasurer:

Tom Lucey KD0NAA (accepted)

Board Member at Large #1:

Annette Larson KB1UOG (accepted)

- Suggestion from the membership: Matt, N2PSR, suggested we send a reminder email about the Wednesday net each week. Al, AE0AL, further suggested that we announce the ACRC net on the other local nets. The membership seemed to think the ideas are good ones.
- Question from Matt, KE0CDM – his son Dominick's Cub Scout den are interested in having a radio evening; would we be interested? Annette, KB1UOG, and Matt, N2PSR, will look into materials, etc. and report to the Board.
- January 24 and 25 is Winter Field Day; the contest exchange is your section number and current temperature.
- Tim, our resident mesh networking junkie, is pleased to note that mesh networking can now be done in the 900 MHz band.
- Jay Jagerson N0MDF, who won the last radio raffle, has graciously donated the radio back to the Club to be used as the prize for a future raffle.
- We received a thank you note from Bob's family thanking us for our support and the plant we sent to his mother's funeral.
- Tim Neu KC0LQL asked the membership for suggestions on topics to be presented on at future meetings; if you have suggestions, see Tim or any board member.

Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.





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February 7, 2015

Board Members Present:

Shawn Rung K0SMR
Tim Neu KC0LQL
Jeremiah Bohn KC0FUI
Annette Larson KB1UOG
Dan Peitso N0PIY

Members Present:

Shep Shepardson N0NMZ
Tom Holleran KC0VXC
Matt Magdefrau N2PSR
Ann Foster K0ANN
Dale Christopherson KE0BRZ
Steve AE0ABK
Matt Burch
Mike Malwitz N0MWM (new call!)
Richard Young KC0WJE
Al Schwarz AE0AL

Guests Present:

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



Treasurer's Report: The balance is \$258.43 as of this meeting. We still owe approx. \$750 of a \$1200 loan from a generous member for the repeater fund. Accepted and Approved.

Secretary's Report: Accepted and Approved.

VE Report: Candidates: 1 Technician License Granted; 2 General Licenses Granted. Congratulations!

Old Business:

- Email reminders for the Wednesday net. Every Wed. at 7, the ACRC has a radio net, currently hosted by Clay Bartholow. Matt, N2PSR suggests sending out an email reminder each week regarding the net. Mike, N0MWM, says it sounds fine, as long as members can opt out. Al, AE0AL, suggested using the ACRC Facebook presence; the Board does not currently have access to that account, and is working on it. A Yahoo! group was also suggested. Shawn, K0SMR mentioned that he'd like be conservative about the amount of messages sent. Tom, KC0VXC, mentioned opening the email to other clubs, etc. Matt, N2PSR, also mentioned announcing our net at check-in/announcement time on other nets. A broader social media presence was mentioned as something the Club wants to move toward. Shep mentioned using the messaging feature on the repeater to announce the net; this hasn't been used/tested in many years, but is a possibility.

New Business:

- Raffle tickets are now available for a Yaesu FT-1900R/E; the drawing will be at the upcoming Skywarn class. Tickets are \$5.00.
- Richard, KC0WJE, mentioned some other clubs have purchased the same repeater model we have acquired and have experienced operational issues; he suggests we get ours out and check it out to see how it's operating. Ann, K0ANN mentioned a local user group that may be helpful.
- Richard, KC0WJE, mentioned the upcoming 50th anniversary of the Fridley tornado (May 6?), and wondered if perhaps we would be interested in putting up a special event station in commemoration.

- Midwinter Madness is coming up on March 28th; see Dan, N0PIY for info.
- Brainerd Hamfest is coming on 4/18; see Dan, N0PIY for info.
- Upcoming Technician course; see Dan, N0PIY for info.
- AERO 1 and AERO 2 classes are happening in Eden Prairie on March 14; see Dan, N0PIY for info. This is excellent emergency communications training.
- Maple Grove ARC started a Technician class last night.
- Our VE team will be working at Midwinter Madness; contact Shep, NONMZ.
- MNVOAD conference on 3/28.
- Field Day – any ideas? PSK, PSK32, and RTTY were suggested. Tim suggested a location change – parks, etc. Also – as always – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

• **ELECTIONS TONIGHT!**

Nominations:

President:

Shawn Rung K0SMR (accepted)

Vice President:

Tim Neu KC0LQL (accepted)

Treasurer:

Tom Lucey KD0NAA (accepted)

Board Member at Large #1:

Annette Larson KB1UOG (accepted)

Elections:


President: By a White Ballot, **Shawn Rung K0SMR** was re-elected.

Vice President: By a White Ballot, **Shawn Rung K0SMR** was re-elected.

Treasurer: By a White Ballot, **Tom Lucey KD0NAA** was elected.

Board Member at Large #1: By a White Ballot, **Annette Larson KB1UOG** was re-elected

Congratulations to the winners!!

Adjourned at 8:05 p.m. 



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March 6, 2015

Board Members Present:

Bob Cordell KBØGIP
Tim Neu KC0LQL
Tom Lucey KD0NAA
Jeremiah Bohn KC0FUI

Members Present:

Shep Shepardson N0NMZ
Ann Foster K0ANN
Don Lisell K0BNS
Tom Holleran KC0VXC
Barb Starr KD0IDO
Mike Malwitz N0MWM

Brenda Malwitz KD0YOW
Dan Peitso N0PIY
Al Schwarz AE0AL
Dale Christopherson KE0BRZ
Mark Sandmann KB0WOM
Steve Buganski KE0ABK

Called to order by the Vice President at 7:06 p.m. 

Treasurer's Report: No formal report this month. Dan and Tom are still finishing the handover – Tom does not yet have full access to the online accounts.

Secretary's Report: No report this month.

VE Report: No report this month

Old Business:

- None was discussed.

New Business:

- There was a discussion on mesh networking.

• Presentation: Ham Radio Apps for Smartphones

Tim showed off ham radio apps for the smartphone, including Maidenhead, iBCNU, Ham I Am, HamSat, 5-0 Radio,

- Ann Foster K0ANN discussed volunteering and getting hams in hospitals; contact her for more information.
- Digital Fusion meeting on March 22nd; www.hamoperator.com has details.
- AERO 1 and AERO 2 classes are happening at Grace Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie on March 14; see Dan Peitso N0PIY for info. This is excellent emergency communications training.
- The 2015 MNVOAD conference is on 3/28/2015.
- Ann reminded us about the raffle – see her for tickets. Drawing on 3/14.
- Midwinter Madness Hamfest – 3/28 in Buffalo. The ACRC VE team is running exams.

Adjourned at 9: p.m. 



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General Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2015

Board Members Present:

Shawn Rung K0SMR
Tim Neu KC0LQL
Tom Lucey KD0NAA
Jeremiah Bohn KC0FUI
Annette Larson KB1UOG

Members Present:

Ann Foster K0ANN
Mike Malwitz N0MWM
Brenda Malwitz KD0YOW
Al Schwarz AE0AL
Tom Holleran KC0VXC
Dale Christopherson KE0BRZ
Barb Starr KD0IDO
Clayton Rung N0CALL
Matt Magdefrau N2PSR
Robert Rexeisen KE0DMW

Guests Present:

Called to order by the President at 7:01 p.m.



Treasurer's Report: The general fund balance is \$599.56 as of this meeting. Accepted and Approved.

Secretary's Report: Accepted and Approved.

Membership report: Shawn reports we are up to 45 members with dues fully paid.

VE Report: At the Buffalo hamfest -14 Candidates; all passed. 2 went from zero to Extra in one day! Congratulations!

Old Business:

- Shawn is working on the new ACRC website, based on the Joomla content management system.
- Wednesday evening net – numbers vary widely, but Clay Bartholow has been doing a fine job running the net, according to listener reports.
- ACRC Repeater:
 - There appears to be rash of malicious interference on local repeaters during nets; ours has not been immune. If this happens during a net, please do not interact with the interfering station; you can try listening on the input frequency to see if the interfering station is close. Please report issues on our repeater to Shawn K0SMR.
 - We are in the process of setting up the new repeater units and will conduct a “burn in” period before they are deployed to the field. The system will not transmit digital in our configuration, but will receive digital and retransmit analog.
- Lino Lakes 5K – the event has been rescheduled to the fall this year to avoid the cold weather they have experienced the last couple of years in May. CERT would like to participate again this year with us.

- Field Day (6/26 – 6/27) – Tim Neu would like to begin meeting to plan the event. The first meeting will be on 4/17 at 6:30, at the Blaine Perkins. We need to look into logistics (stations, antennas, etc.), location, food, etc. One possible location discussed was at Tom Yarborough's place in East Bethel – Matt Magdefrau will contact him. Blaine City Hall was mentioned as another possible venue. Tom Holleran suggested setting up an NVIS antenna to allow us to grab contacts in the intermediate range.
- BB4 – no news at this time.
- Fete Des Lacs – details to come; the event will be in mid-July.
- Simple Supper – coming up on Sept. 11. Ideas for location? Let the Board know...
- Halloween Special Event Station – this the 4th annual event. It will be on the Friday before Halloween. Contact Annette Larson KB1UOG, Non-Technical Chairperson, for details or to volunteer to help out.
- Christmas Party – we need to start planning now. Venue? Suggestions? Contact Shawn and/or the Board.
- Ideas for new events? Contact the Board with ideas about what the club should be doing!
- Ann Foster was at a meeting in Edina about emergency response. There is a repeater on 146.700 specifically for emergency services. In the next 6 months or so, they will be putting together a framework for deploying amateur radio resources for emergency response. More information as it becomes available.

New Business:

- "Hams in the Park" - Saturday, 4/11 at Long Lake Park, 12 PM. See Matt Magdefrau N2PSR for more info.
- "Build-it" with Washington Co. ARES 4/15 - information will be posted on the ACRC website.

Adjourned at 8:19 p.m.





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General Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2015

Board Members Present:

Tim Neu KC0LQL
Tom Lucey KD0NAA
Jeremiah Bohn KC0FUI
Annette Larson KB1UOG

Members Present:

Tom Holleran KC0VXC
Shep Shepardson N0NMZ
Al Schwarz AE0AL
Ann Foster K0ANN
Barb Starr KD0IDO
Dale Christopherson KE0BRZ
Tom Yarborough KE0ABP

Guests Present:

Called to order by the Vice President at 7:00 p.m. 

Treasurer's Report: The balance is \$363.98 as of this meeting. Accepted and Approved.

Secretary's Report: Accepted and Approved.

VE Report: All is well. Buffalo Hamfest went well and had several candidates passing exams. Shep is working with a few local folks who have finished a recent class to do a VE session on a non-Saturday.

Old Business:

- **Wednesday evening net** – Status/Updates? If you would like to be on the Net@AnokaRadio.org reminder list, please let Shawn know (please take a list of name and call and email addresses at the meeting.)
- **Repeater Update** – We are starting the setup/testing of the new repeater units. More info to follow when we get the results and equipment together and tested.
- Upcoming events:

VE/Skywarn/Raffle: Saturday, May 9th. We have tickets available - \$5.

Field Day - June 26-27-28. Primary location is at Centerville Lamotte park parking lot, with a secondary location (Bob's house) ready in case anything comes up with the City of Centerville. We need volunteers for setup, cleanup and operations (GOTA control op, etc.). We will need to look into antenna and station options that work with this space, what stations/vehicles/etc. we are setting up, etc.

We will be running on batteries overnight, at the request of the City of Centerville (the park is in a residential area).

What kinds of modes and experiments would we like to do?

Please attend the upcoming Field Day Meeting.

If you want to be on the field day email list, please let Shawn know.

BB4: Not on our events schedule this year.

Fete Des Lacs - Saturday, July 25 – ALL day event – Run(s), Parade, and Fireworks. We need volunteers for this event (please keep that day open).

Simple Supper - September 11? Where would we like to hold this?

Lino Lakes Elementary 5K - Saturday, September 19th. Same setup as last year. Lino Lakes CERT would like to participate with us again.

Halloween Festival special event station October 30th - Where would we like to hold this event? Tom Holleran KC0VXC has offered his property in Lino Lakes as a possible venue.

Christmas Party Saturday, December 4th? (We have some ideas for a location, but need to follow up.)

New Business:

- **Hams in the Park** – Saturday, May 9 (after the VE session) – Long Lake Regional Park
- **Minneapolis Marathon** - is seeking volunteers for 5/31; see Annette Larson KB1UOG for details.

Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.





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General Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2015

Board Members Present:

Bob Cordell KBØGIP
Tim Neu KC0LQL
Tom Lucey KD0NAA
Jeremiah Bohn KC0FUI
Annette Larson KB1UOG

Members Present:

Dan Peitso N0PIY
Tom Holleran KC0VXC
Al Schwarz AE0AL
Dale Christopherson KE0BRZ
Mike Malwitz N0MWM
Matthew Burch K0MSB
Tom Lewandowski N9DVT

Guests Present:

Dominick Burch

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



Treasurer's Report: No report this month.

Secretary's Report: No report this month.

VE Report: No report this month.

Old Business:

- Field Day – see notes below
- W1AW Centennial celebration – Al Schwarz, AE0AL received a plaque for having operated the W1AW/0 station, and made it known he feels that a part of it really belongs to the club. Congratulations to Al and all who participated!


New Business:

Field Day Notes:

- We have a good deal of participation in the Field Day planning this year. Historically, the more folks participate in Field Day, the better our overall score.
- We were in 1613th place last year with a score of 890, in the top 40% of participants nationwide. We were 28th in MN. ;-)
- This year's event is June 26-28. We are planning a 2A station at Laurie Lamotte Park in Centerville with one RV and one pop-up camper station. We are expecting some publicity – everyone make us look good!
- Operating hours are 1800 UTC June 27 – 1800 UTC June 28 (1 PM local time).
- Rules and bonus points have not changed substantially from 2014 to now.
- Laurie Lamotte Park – pros and cons. Pros: picnic tables, public participation, restrooms, playground, 100 pt. bonus for public location. Cons: battery power at night (after 10 PM); must

illuminate entrances at night, no alcohol consumption, overnight use restricted to parking lot, camping overnight in RVs only, safety/PR considerations.

- Setup will be at 5 PM on Friday, June 26. The park closes to the public at 9 PM.
- Potluck at 6 PM on Saturday; brunch on Sunday, mid-morning(?). Permit expires on 3 PM on Sunday.
- In case of severe weather, evacuate safely to nearest shelter.

Adjourned at 8:35 p.m. 



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General Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2015

Board Members Present:

Bob Cordell KBØGIP
Shawn Rung K0SMR
Tom Lucey KD0NAA
Jeremiah Bohn KC0FUI
Annette Larson KB1UOG

Members Present:

Al Schwarz AE0AL
Ann Foster K0ANN
Shep Shepardson N0NMZ
Mary Lucey KDOMZZ
Don Lisell K0BNS
Barb Starr W0KX
Aaron Taylor KB0WBC
Dallas Hansen KE0ABN
Luke Rumreich KE0FN0
Mark Sandmann KB0WOM

Guests Present:

Josh Green
Zach Horstman

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



Treasurer's Report: The balance is \$847.11 as of this meeting. Accepted and Approved.

Secretary's Report: Accepted and Approved.

VE Report: Our newest member, new ham Luke Rumreich KE0FN0, passed his Technician exam. Congratulations!! A quick note - FCC databases were recently updated; this caused a slight slowdown in licenses being posted this month.

Old Business:

- ACRC Halloween special event station - Friday, October 30, at the home of Tom Holleran KC0VXC, 8113 Lake Drive, Lino Lakes, MN. Volunteers are needed to operate, log, etc. We could also accommodate one more station (we have two committed) to work the event. Contact Non-Technical Chairperson Annette Larson KB1UOG at SpecialEvents@AnokaRadio.org for more details.
- ACRC Christmas Party – Sat., Dec. 5 from 3 – 6 PM at the Andover Pizza Ranch. We will be having the buffet - \$15/person. We will have a white elephant gift exchange again this year.
- Bob recapped events of the year – Lino Lakes 5K, Centerville Fete Des Lacs parade and fireworks, Field Day, etc., and discussed possible events for the upcoming year.
- Reminder – Wednesday evening net – 7 PM on the 147.67 repeater each week.
- Repeater update – we are working on getting the main repeater shack in condition to install the new radios we have acquired. The fundraising letter scheduled to be going out should help in this effort. Antenna replacements have been postponed until spring due to the season.

New Business:

- Next Board meeting is on Oct. 20 at 6:30 PM, at the Centerville City Hall.
- Next general membership meeting is on Nov. 6, 7 PM, in the Mark Stack Room at Blaine City Hall.
- Shirts and jackets are available; approx. \$30 for shirts, and \$50 for jackets, embroidered with the club logo and your name/call sign.
- There is a new repeater on the air in North Branch on 147.315 MHz, 91.5 PL. They are planning to have a Wednesday evening net after the ACRC net starting soon.
- Radio City is having Yaesu Days tomorrow, Oct. 3, beginning at 10 AM. There will be guest speakers, demos, giveaways, and fun!
- Don Lisell has a 50' steel freestanding tower he would like to sell. Contact Don for more information.
- We have put in for permits for the Mark Stack Room for next year.

Adjourned at 7:51 p.m.





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General Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2015

Board Members Present:

Shawn Rung K0SMR
Tom Lucey KD0NAA
Jeremiah Bohn KC0FUI
Annette Larson KB1UOG

Members Present:

Al Schwarz AE0AL
Don Lisell K0BNS
Barb Starr W0KX
Tom Holleran KC0VXC
Mike Malwitz N0MWM
Brenda Malwitz KD0YOW
Matt Magdefrau N2PSR
Thomas Lewandowski N9DVT
Tom Yarborough KE0ABP

Guests Present:

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

Treasurer's Report: Accepted and Approved.

Secretary's Report: Accepted and Approved.

VE Report: No report this month, other than that a session was had, and licenses were granted.

Old Business:

- Thanks to all who have renewed their memberships – if you haven't done so yet, please do it soon!
- ACRC Christmas Party – Sat., Dec. 5 from 3 – 6 PM at the Andover Pizza Ranch. We will be having the buffet - \$15/person. We will have a white elephant gift exchange again this year.
- Halloween Special Event Station – took place on Oct. 31. Tom Holleran KC0VXC hosted the festive gathering. 17 operators took to the air. We had 4 stations, with a total 174 contacts. 10m was dead again this year – we may wish to discontinue its use in future. 12m, 20m, and 40m (unadvertised Halloween special band) were all active and productive, however. The whole event was a fun, low-stress chance to play radio.
- Hams in the Park – there was reportedly a good turnout for the final event of the year last month.
- Wednesday night net on the 146.67 repeater – it's still happening! Are you there? Why not?

New Business:

- **NOTE: The January ACRC General Meeting will be on January 8, 2016, NOT January 1.** The meeting will take place at the Blaine City Hall as usual.
- We could **really** use some help getting the web site updated, and the newsletter back in publication. Sound like fun? Get in touch with Shawn!

- Upcoming events (2016) – Field Day (July), BB4 (July), Fete Des Lacs (June), Discover Aviation Days (July).
- Elections – the January club meeting will be the nominations meeting for this year's club elections. Secretary and Board Member at Large are up for election this year.
- Tom Yarborough KE0ABP brought up a possible new event for us – the Daughters of the American Revolution hold a Flag Day 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Fisher House (service organization providing short-term housing for families of hospitalized veterans). In 2016, the event will be on June 11, and they have requested radio communication assistance. Tom volunteered to be the point of contact between the DAR and the Club.

Adjourned at 7:46 p.m. 