



# Anoka County Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2016

**Board Members Present:**

Bob Cordell KB0GIP  
Shawn Rung K0SMR  
Jeremiah Bohn KC0FUI  
Annette Larson KB1UOG

**Members Present:**

Dan Peitso N0PIY  
Al Schwarz AE0AL  
Barb Starr W0KX  
Tom Holleran KC0VXC

**Guests Present:**

Mark Vogel KE0EKG

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

**Treasurer's Report:** No report this month.

**Secretary's Report:** Accepted and Approved.

**VE Report:** All candidates passed.

**Old Business:**

- Donations – we have had a few responses so far to our fundraising letter. We mailed out about 240 letters. The next set will be going out in the spring.
- Repeater – we have been running into some issues with programming the new units. We also have quite a bit of work to do in the main repeater site.
- SantaNet – there were 3 children in the hospitals this Christmas, but none were in a condition allowing Santa's helpers to visit. We will plan on more publicity next year.
- Christmas Party – it went well. There were a few concerns about noise level from the adjoining rooms. The separate party room was a nice feature. The earlier timeframe was a bit of a concern; the venue (Pizza Ranch in Andover) does not allow parties past 7 PM.

**New Business:**

Website updates – Dale Christopherson KE0BRZ has volunteered to help with the club website. Thanks, Dale! Members with suggestions, concerns, etc. about the website can contact Shawn with their traffic.

- BSA – Bob was contacted by a Boy Scout troop in Elk River about working on the radio merit badge, and they are interested in working with us at Field Day as well. Volunteers are needed to help out – contact Bob ASAP.
- DAR Fun Run – The Daughters of the American Revolution are holding a fun run on June 11 in Ramsey and would like our assistance. Tom Yarborough KE0ABP will be the Club's contact/chairperson for this event.
- BB4 – we will likely be working events (parade, fireworks, etc.) in connection with BB4 this year. More information to come as the event gets closer.

- Aviation Days – we need to come to a decision on whether or not to commit to working at this event. The Board has been corresponding with Matt Genelin to find out more information.
- Field Day – We should start planning now. Site? Layout? What do we need to ask for from the site? Volunteers for chairperson are needed. Tom Holleran KCOVXC has volunteered to assist with planning, etc.
- Fete Des Lacs – Bob will be heading up this event. More info to come.
- Raffle – we have two radios available. We will plan to sell raffle tickets at Skywarn trainings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. in March, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. in May.
- Centerville 5K and Lino Lakes 5K – we are not sure of the status of these events at this time. More information as it becomes available.
- Halloween special event station – Tom Holleran KCOVXC has the week of Halloween off, and has volunteered to host again this year. Tom and Annette will co-chair this event (Annette as non-technical chair). The event will happen on Monday, 10/31/16.
- **ELECTIONS – tonight is the opening of nominations for the 2016 Board elections. Nominations will also be accepted at the February member meeting, immediately before the election.** Positions up for election are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Board Member at Large.


**Nominations:**

President: Shawn Rung K0SMR

Vice President: Tim Neu KC0LQL (contingent on acceptance)

Secretary: Jeremiah Bohn KC0FUI

Board Member at Large: Dan Peitso N0PIY

**Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.** 



# Anoka County Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2016

### Board Members Present:

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

### Members Present:

Al Schwarz AE0AL  
Matt Magdefrau N2PSR  
Dan Peitso N0PIY  
Barb Starr W0KX  
Ann Foster K0ANN  
Shep Shepardson N0NMZ  
Tom Holleran KC0VXC  
Don Lisell K0BNS

### Guests Present:

Called to order by the President at 7:07 p.m. 

**Treasurer's Report:** No report this meeting.

**Secretary's Report:** Accepted and Approved.

**VE Report (2 month report):** December – 5 Technician and 4 Extra Licenses granted, with 6 VEs; January - 3 technician 2 General, with 7 VEs. Next month will be split between VE sessions at Blaine City Hall and Midwinter Madness and Buffalo on the same day!

### Old Business:

- Skywarn raffle is coming up – tickets go on sale this evening. We are looking for someone to sell tickets at the March Skywarn class.
- Dale Christopherson KE0BRZ has been working on the new club website, based on the Joomla platform. It's getting close to being turned loose in the wild. Thanks, Dale!
- Ann Foster K0ANN asked about the status of the new repeater equipment. Shawn responded Bob has been having some issues with the PL tones. Ann noted that software updates are available for the radios. Resources were discussed.

### New Business:

- **New Rules for Field Day** – Tim gave the assembled members a rundown on new rules changes for 2016, including bonus point opportunities:
  - A completed Safety Checklist, completed by an appointed Safety Officer for the event. (100 points)
  - Promoting the Field Day site via social media – Facebook, Twitter, etc. (100 points)

Also discussed was the location for this year – most people seem to have liked the location at Laurie Lamotte Park. Members asked about being able to temporarily attach antenna lines to trees, power, etc. We know more about the process this year, so we expect we improve the experience.

- Winter Field Day – Tim also regaled the membership with his notes on the Winter Field Day event. Experiences noted included that ground rods are hard to pound into frozen ground, antennas can be a challenge, and the bands are way less crowded...
- From Ann Foster K0ANN: April 9 is a Skywarn/Weather Spotter conference at St. Thomas. Also – elections for Section Manager are coming up. Interested in running? You need to get your information published in the April QST; the deadline is coming up quickly.
- The Elk River Bank has made a \$200.00 donation to the club in response to our recent fundraising letter. Our thanks to them!
- Hams in the Park will be resuming in April! Stay tuned for more details.
- **ELECTIONS – tonight is the night for the 2016 Board elections.** Positions up for election are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Board Member at Large.

**Nominations from January member meeting:**

President: Shawn Rung K0SMR

Vice President: Tim Neu KC0LQL

Secretary: Jeremiah Bohn KC0FUI

Board Member at Large: Dan Peitso N0PIY

**Nominations from tonight's meeting:**

President: None.

Vice President: None.

Secretary: None.

Board Member at Large: None.

**Results:** President – Shawn Rung K0SMR (white ballot); Tim Neu KC0LQL(white ballot); Jeremiah Bohn KC0FUI (white ballot); Dan Peitso N0PIY (white ballot).

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



# Anoka County Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2016

### Board Members Present:

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

### Members Present:

Al Schwarz AE0AL  
Shep Shepardson N0NMZ  
Matt Magdefrau N2PSR  
Tom Holleran KC0VXC  
Ann Foster K0ANN  
Dale Christopherson KE0BRZ  
Barb Starr W0KX  
Mike Malwitz N0MWM  
Luke Rumreich KE0FNO

### Guests Present:

Garret Carlson

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Not available.

**Secretary's Report:** Accepted and Approved.

**VE Report:** 10 Candidates: 5 Technician License Granted; 4 General License Granted; 1 Extra License Granted. Congratulations! Three VE sessions this month – filling in for St. Paul Radio Club tomorrow, then 2 next Saturday (our usual session, plus Midwinter Madness).

### Old Business:


- Discover Aviation Days (June 4/5) – we are still waiting to hear back with more information from the organizers.
- Ramsey Happy Days/DAR 5K (June 11) - Tom Yarbrough KE0ABP is coordinating this event and looking for volunteers to help!
- Field Day – Tim Neu KC0LQL is heading this event up, with assistance from Tom Holleran KC0VXC. Work is ongoing on getting a permit application together. Contact Tim if you would like to help.
- BB4 - we are still waiting to hear back with more information from the organizers.
- Fete Des Lacs (August 5 – 7) – Bob will be unavailable due to a priority commitment. Fireworks are tentatively scheduled for Friday evening, with parade/race/etc. on Saturday.
- Lino Lakes 5K – we are not sure if this event will happen in 2016; Tim is monitoring the situation.

### New Business:

- Raffle – tickets are now available for the raffle to be held at the upcoming Skywarn training.
- Website – Dale Christopherson KE0BRZ has the all-new ACRC website online. It looks great! Thanks, Dale!! The new content management system will allow multiple users to contribute

articles, etc. to the site. It also allows for easier updating and removal of obsolete information. It even allows the user to change the font size (this may be popular with some of our more "seasoned" members).

- Shep Shepardson N0NMZ made a quick talk on Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) and the repeaters coming online in the local area. This is a commercial protocol with many vendors on the user side, with repeaters connected by the internet. DMR repeaters are made by Motorola. The system can be used on UHF, VHF, and 800 MHz; however, most systems currently in use are on VHF. Shep will be doing a larger presentation next month at the ACRC membership meeting. Check it out at <http://www.mndmr.net> .
- AERO 100 – AERO is being revamped. AERO 100 is a "how to use your radio" course, and will be required before progressing to AERO 101.
- Ann Foster K0ANN is planning to run for ARRL section manager against the incumbent, Skip Jackson. More information to come.
- The Wednesday net has been going strong – almost 55 minutes this last Wednesday. Clay Bartholow W0LED is doing a great job running the net and keeping it moving!

**Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.** 



# Anoka County Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2016

### Board Members Present:

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

### Members Present:

Shep Shepardson N0NMZ  
Matt Magdefrau N2PSR  
Tom Holleran KC0VXC  
Ann Foster K0ANN  
Dale Christopherson KE0BRZ  
Tom Yarbrough KC0WJE  
Barb Starr W0KX  
Richard Young KC0WJE  
Chrissy Neu KC0OKE  
Al Schwarz AE0AL  
Dan Fish KB0XC  
Luke Rumreich KE0FNO  
Mike Malwitz N0MWM  
Dallas Hensen KE0ABN  
Tom Lewandowski N9DVT

### Guests Present:

Ben Huset KA0PSQ  
Don Rumreich  
Steve Baranski KB8VLI  
Cathy Hagen KD0WLZ  
Jim Hagen AJ0CM  
Kevin Anderson N0NFB  
Dave Ventura KE0NA  
John Rimmes KE0HCP

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


**VE Report:** 10 Candidates: 5 Technician Licenses Granted; 4 General Licenses Granted; 1 Extra License Granted. Congratulations! We also covered for the Maplewood VE session to allow them to attend the funeral of one of their VEs.

### Old Business:

- Website – Dale is doing a great job! Many big changes happening – stay tuned...
- Discover Aviation Days has informed us they will not need our assistance this year.
- DAR 5K –more details next month
- Fete Des Lacs has moved back to the first weekend in August, and they're making it a weeklong event. Public Safety Night will be on Wed., August 3. Fireworks on Friday night, Parade on Saturday.
- Field Day – Tim Neu is heading this event up and has a committee – see him to volunteer!
- BB4 – we will be working at least the fireworks on July 4 – more info as it comes in.
- Boy Scout Event this summer – more info as it comes in.
- Lino Lakes 5K – there is a new coordinator; the race has moved to the fall. More info as it comes in.

### New Business:

- Skywarn – May 14 – we need a volunteer to run the radio raffle. See Bob to assist.
- Shep gave a presentation on Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) following the meeting.

**Adjourned at 7:23 p.m.** 



# Anoka County Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2016

No meeting held or no minutes available.





# Anoka County Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2016

### Board Members Present:

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

### Members Present:

Matt Magdefrau N2PSR  
Dale Christopherson KE0BRZ  
Mike Malwitz N0MWM  
Tom Holleran KC0VXC  
Luke Rumreich KE0FNO  
Barb Starr W0KX  
Al Schwarz AE0AL

### Guests Present:

Suzanne Schwarz

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



### New Business:

Tonight's meeting is a work session to discuss plans for Field Day 2016.

Tim Neu KC0LQL reviewed FD 2015 and discussed goals for FD 2016. Last year's score was 1158 (we hope for improvement).

We are on track to use Laurie Lamotte Park in Centerville for Field Day (pending final approval of the special event permit). Fallback location would be Bob Cordell's home in Lino Lakes. We have asked for expanded permission to attach antennas, etc. to trees at the park this year.

We plan to run a 3A station this year (3 full-time HF stations). They will be housed in 2 RVs and one pop-up trailer. There are some changes to the bonus point structure this year.

GOTA – we currently have no dedicated radio, antenna, etc., or operating location.

Logging – GOTA will be on paper, the main HF stations will log electronically.

We have no planned dedicated VHF/UHF station; HF1 will be able to run 6M/2M/70cm at 12'

Location restrictions are the same as last year – no camping outside of RVs, no alcohol, must run on battery power (no generators) at night, must maintain illumination of entrances at night.

Adjourned at 8:34 p.m.





# Anoka County Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2016

### Board Members Present:

Shawn Rung K0SMR  
Tom Lucey KD0NAA  
Jeremiah Bohn KC0FUI

Brenda Malwitz KD0YOW  
Tom Holleran KC0VXC  
Luke Rumreich KE0FNO  
Al Schwarz AE0AL  
Shep Shepardson N0NMZ  
Ann Foster K0ANN

Jane Gonzales KE0KJA  
Don Lisell K0BNS  
Dan F KB0KBD  
Gary Perna KB0LXE  
Dan Winker WV0VW  
Don Serreyn KA0APR

### Members Present:

Matt Magdefrau N2PSR  
Dale Christopherson KE0BRZ  
Mike Malwitz N0MWM

Tom Yarbrough KE0ABP  
Luke Rumreich KE0FNO  
Dallas Hansen KE0ABN

### Guests Present:

Don Rumreich

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The balance is \$677.28 as of this meeting. Accepted and Approved.

**Secretary's Report:** Accepted and Approved.


**VE Report:** 15 Candidates at the last session, with 7 VEs. Congratulations! Jane Gonzales KE0KJA noted how helpful and professional the VE team was in helping her prepare for her exams and in administering.

### Old Business:

- Shawn went over a summary of the summer's events; we had a great season of races, parades, fireworks, and what have you. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and helped out – the more volunteers we have, the more we can do!
- Halloween Special Event station is coming up on Halloween. The event will be at Tom Holleran's house (8113 Lake Drive in Lino Lakes) from 9 AM – 3 PM or so. This is a fun, relaxed event that's a lot of fun! Annette Larson KB1UOG is the non-technical chairperson for this event – contact her with questions.

### New Business:

- The Twin Cities Marathon on Sunday, Oct. 9 could still use help with communications – follow the link on the ACRC web page (<http://www.anokaradio.org>) to register.
- Jamboree on the Air – October 15, 2016. This is a Boy Scouts of America event. Information on <http://www.arrl.org>.
- Christmas Party – 12/3/2016 (time to be announced) Chrissy Neu KC0OKE and Lorri Rung K0LLR are coordinating this event. At this time, we are leaning toward Pizza Ranch in Andover. Matt N2PSR mentioned he felt that Hope's was more intimate – this is the backup plan for a location. Members with ideas, etc. can contact the coordinators, or come to an ACRC Board Meeting with their suggestions.
- Hams in the Park – tomorrow is the final Hams in the Park for the year. 12 PM at Long Lake Park – last pavilion on the right. Chuck and Matt have charcoal and will have the grill fired up if you'd like to bring something to cook.
- Don Lisell has two towers he would like to get rid of – contact him for details. One is homemade but sturdy; the other is commercial.
- Don Serreyn KA0APR is downsizing as well – he has a bunch of HF and UHF equipment to sell. Information will be posted on the ACRC web site.

Adjourned at 7:48 p.m. 



# Anoka County Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2016

### Board Members Present:

Bob Cordell KBØGIP  
Tim Neu KCØLQL  
Jeremiah Bohn KCØFUI  
Dan Peitso NØPIY

### Members Present:

Shep Shepardson NØNMZ  
Ann Foster KØANN  
Luke Rumreich KEØFNO  
Tom Holleran KCØVXC  
Pete Alcock KBØKHZ

### Guests Present:

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

### Old Business:

- For the 5K/8K run in Centerville on 10/1/16, we had 7 people volunteering for 26 volunteer-hours. We received a thank you card from the coordinators of the event.
- Luke Rumreich KEØFNO tried to work the JOTA event with the Boy Scouts on 10/15/16; he had no success. Band conditions were reportedly difficult all weekend.
- Halloween station – the event was a lot of fun this year as always. We ran 4 HF stations. Tom was a great host! Tim estimates between 8 and 12 folks were there, from around 8 AM to 3 PM – approximately 120 volunteer-hours.
- Christmas Party – will be at Pizza Ranch in Andover on Dec. 3 from 6-8 PM.

### New Business:

- Tim Neu KCØLQL did a presentation on Club history, based on documents he got some years ago from founding Club member Phil De Jarlais (ex-WØJHS). He also noted that while we have not published a physical newsletter in several years, we do have the capability to publish member contributions on the club website. Have a new project or something you'd like to share? Send it to [webmaster@anokaradio.org](mailto:webmaster@anokaradio.org) !
- Bob led a discussion on where to meet in the coming year; he has received complaints about the current venues (Blaine City Hall for general membership meetings, with Centerville City Hall for board meetings) being too far to drive. Bob did note that other venues we have looked into would not be free for us to use; we currently do not pay to use either of the current venues. We also discussed meeting dates – Jan. 6 will be the first meeting of 2017. A motion was passed to accept the proposed schedule as written at the current venues.

Adjourned at 9:00 p.m. 