



Anoka County Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2021

Members/Guests present:

Dan Peitso NØPIY
Tim Neu KCØLQL
Jeff Smith NØKCK
Al Schwartz AEØAI
Scott Hash KCØBZG

Don Z KCØDWZ
John Blood KDØAXQ
Scott Austad KØSAA
Tom Holleran KCØVXC
Rob Montgomery KEØVKO

Called to order by the Secretary at 7:06 p.m. A quorum for this meeting was met by count of Google Meet participants.



Announcements:

Next Board Meeting will be April 27th, 2021. A virtual venue will most likely be held.
Next planned General Meeting is May 7th, 2021. A virtual venue will most likely be held.

Amateur Fees Date NOT YET ESTABLISHED, Sat, 20 Mar 2021:

Apparently, there is misinformation concerning a notice published by the FCC yesterday. This notice did not set the effective date for license fees. While it is anticipated the effective date will be this summer sometime the FCC will announce the date in advance. Below is from a message the ARRL's attorney sent to the Officers and Directors of the ARRL on the subject. -- **Bill Lippert ACØW, Director Dakota Division**

The FCC fees Report and Order adopted last December was published in this morning's Federal Register. I want to note to everyone that although generally the rules take effect on April 19, collection of the amateur fees will NOT begin on that date. The effective date for new amateur radio fees has not yet been established. The FCC explicitly states in the published Notice (at p. 15061, para. 44, <https://tinyurl.com/y52ff2zy>) that the fees "will not take effect until the requisite notice has been provided to Congress, the FCC's information technology systems and internal procedures have been updated, and the Commission publishes notice(s) in the Federal Register announcing the effective date of such rules." I expect that the effective date will be some time this summer, but in any event we will have advance notice. -- **David R. Siddall, Managing Partner, DS Law, PLLC**

Update, ARRL newslines and other sources indicate this is possible in the June timeframe.

Treasurer's Report: Not Available.

Secretary's Report: Accepted and Approved

VE Report: Shep reported that he is planning an April VE Session, limited to 10 candidates.

Membership Report: We currently have 51 members (Tech: 6, General: 9, Extra: 17, Adv: 2, None: 13). We have 59% of non-child members that are ARRL members.

Reminded folks to send in renewal forms.

Old Business:

Email forwards for board positions have been updated.

Discussion on updates for our website and web presence.

Still looking into a group session to work on ideas. Tim will work on migrating the website in the near future. Need a tech workshop for Google sometime soon.

Shep would like to make sure that new members get a welcome email and give info about the website, and other info. Jeff asked about a member roster for members. Bob also wants to see a physical letter sent to new members as well.

ARRL club affiliation: Tim is gathering the details for the forms.

Bylaw Change Requests:

Summarized what we are doing to combine the edits and do them all at once.

Ham Radio Exam Classes: Look into online virtual instructional videos? Tabled for now due to the current conditions and lack of locations to hold them.

Some discussion about the excellent youtube content already out there, and the desire by some to try a virtual format with AI, Tim and Don as definite maybes. Thinking of not re-creating the wheel but making reference to existing content and adding our own local flavor..

Ideas for new small events: Look into fun club contests and learning sessions to bring in members and new hams. Demonstration table at community events. Contesting dashboard for our website, contesting email, etc.

Possible Upcoming Events:

- Field Day – Tim Neu - June 26-27th. Tim will work on Site and initial docs.

Insurance COI form requested and received.

Centerville special event form sent to Centerville.

Waiting on approval / routing through the city council.

Also considering backup sites.

- Centerville Festival / Fete Des Lacs events –

Are planning to go this year. Tim to get “save the dates” onto our website.

- Demo at Community Events - Tim Neu and Tom Holleran – September?.
- Scouts Jamboree on the Air – October 25-27th.
- Halloween Special Event Station – October 31st.
- Christmas Party – First Saturday in December.

New Business:

Briefly discussed the google workspace project and configuration progress including google drive for club documents.

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.