

SWIARC Mtg. 01/2023

Half an hour prior to the 7PM meeting, club Pres Derek TYG was setting up the Zoom mic and camera for Norm, Don AF, and Bob NE0CQ to check in. Here's the list of attendees:

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| Derek | W0TYG | | |
| Keith | KE0AEP | Norm | WA0JYD |
| Don | W0AF | Kevin | N0MHK |
| Bruce | N0BHB | Joel | KE0QGD |
| Bob | NE0CQ | John | KB0QKH |
| Chris | KF0FBL | Rick | KA0RLR |
| Bill | KD0FJR | Rich | K0RWJ |
| Greg | N0GR | Dan | KB0TDW |
| Paul | WB0GXD | Craig | KD0YTI |
| Mark | KF0GVT | Rich | WA0ZQG |
| Rick | KF0IQL | (20) | |

As per our recent resolution, the program went first with ZQG offering multiple meter test setups for comparison, 120VAC, 12VDC, and some others. It took a good 40 minutes.

Minutes from November (printed as part of the newsletter) were approved on a motion by GXD. Treasurer reported \$7,110 with some dues from the meeting added. He hasn't written a check since last July (for the P. O. Box rent).

Repeater

The VHF repeater on .82 isn't working well. Paul GXD and others will check out the remote site tomorrow (Friday). Main tower site has been sold and we have an access problem. Similarly, our backup Yaesu 7000 repeater, stored with Rea N0REA (SK) has yet to be returned. Rick RLR said, You know we have another repeater, right? (UHF on 442.225)

Late Note: Paul GXD said the link receiver at Simms St. site is OK, but the link transmitter at IWCC has an intermittent problem.

March 4 Hamfest

The Hamfest in **McClelland** is on schedule. All tables have been reserved (or requested), but if they are not claimed early (shortly after 8AM start) they may be offered to other vendors. Les WB0KFK (Kansas Farm Kid) of **D&L Antenna** will be our featured vendor. A five hundred dollar **Yaesu FT-5** H/T is the main door prize.

EmComm

Rick RLR proposes a program in March, close to the beginning of our tornadoe season. You need 3 guys for the main storm spotting team, one to watch the various radar displays full time, not distracted by the radio. No Old Business.

New Business

Rich ZQG, noting our reinvigorated newsletter (thanks Rich K0RWJ) offered to print and mail copies and said it'd cost (assuming 40 members) about \$50 a month. No one wanted it. We can all get it on SWIARC io groups or Emailed pdf.

Announcements

Don W0AF mentioned Winter Field Day the last weekend in January.

Norm JYD asked if anyone is going to do VE tests in Council Bluffs, and then mentioned a memorial for Brian KM0Y (SK) who has been an integral part of VE testing for years this Sunday in Omaha.

Paul GXD will do a program on the repeater voter next month (February meeting). Keith AEP will not be our F/Day Chmn this year.

We adjourned the meeting at 8:21 PM.

Minutes by Club Secretary,
Rich WA0ZQG

Program Review

Several people brought meters to compare readings. All the digital meters were within a one (1%) percent spread measuring Volts, milliamps, and a couple resistors.

Kevin N0MHK brought an H/P meter that reads out to 6 digits, also a 1 Volt standard (1.018030) and 100 Ohm reference. Kevin won best meter, and Joel KE0QGD with a Simpson 260, oldest and prettiest. Prizes were new Harbor Freight (red) meters.

Several people tested H/Ts on 146.52 against a fairly accurate OptoElectronics freq counter. The newer H/Ts appeared to be within 1-200 cycles.