

Minutes 08/2023

August meeting began with pledge to the flag. Club Pres. Derek TYG had the Zoom App set up so Don AF and Bill FJR could remote in.

Derek	W0TYG	Norm	WA0JYD
Don	W0AF	Kevin	N0MHK
Bruce	N0BHB	John	KB0QKH
Dale	N0CALL	Rick	KA0RLR
Chris	KD0FBL	Rich	K0RWJ
Bill	KD0FJR	Dan	KB0TDW
Greg	N0GR	Wayne	KN0WDJ
Paul	W0GXD	Craig	KD0YTI
Rick	KF0IQL	Rich	WA0ZQG
Manny	KF0IWE	(19)	

Our new format allows the program to precede the boring business meeting. Craig YTI showed two (2) HF verticals, both with adjustable coils to tune various bands including 6 Meters. The **Wolf River Coil** is larger, a foot tall, and allows two motions to tune, up and down plus around. The coil alone is \$125, but you need a base and a whip on top (total \$250 if you buy from them).



Craig also showed a **JPC-12** vertical for \$135. He uses up to eight (8) wire radials with either antenna. Not shown was the ALPHA Full Metal Jacket antenna which costs \$550.

Paul GXD had a 3 ft lightweight wood form on which he'd wound two dozen turns of #24 wire for a large (two foot wide) DF antenna. He used it at his house trying to find a noise source (using a fifty dollar VNA to receive).

Note: See the **SWradio** dot org site for more.

Business Meeting

Previous month's **Minutes** were approved as was a \$3,385 **Treasurer's** report. Among expenses was seven (\$7) bucks for the 'good kind' of black tape for recent repeater antenna work.

Repeater

The repeater guys put a \$26 grounding kit on the Heliac going to the new 442.225 UHF antenna installation. (It's 200 ft up on the new site in central Council Bluffs.) The VHF .82 repeater had a couple days when it didn't pass audio. Rich ZQG made a motion to switch all 3 nets to the .225 repeater because .82 doesn't cover well. Passed.

Note: The UHF .225 runs either FM or C4FM. Pls check to see if the other mode is operating before using the repeater. (Look at 'S' meter.)

We **elect officers** for the new year in September. Paul GXD asked who wants to be on the nominating committee (to find volunteers). Except for the **Callsign Trustee**, a 2 year term limit (in the same capacity) applies to officers.

Discussing club activities, Don W0AF said we ought to publicize them better to attract more members. Rich ZQG applauded Keith AEP's efforts at Lake Manawa and the large Ham Radio banner Keith usually puts up.

Derek TYG mentioned Saturday at Sugar's, our Christmas dinner, and other events to be put on the SWradio site. Regarding the dinner we often have at the Chinese place, Bill FJR asked if we could do it at Pizza Ranch.

Don AF said he's offered a genuine **Vibroplex** key prize for a CW contest he's conducting.

New Business and Announcements

Paul GXD said we are doing the Vet's Parade on Saturday morning 04 November. Rich RWJ said there's an Iowa State QSO party in September.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26PM.

Minutes by club Sec'y, WA0ZQG