

# Meeting Minutes 09/2023

Nineteen of us showed up even though it was time to select 'volunteers' to serve as club officers next year. (2 other guys chose the Zoom link.)

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|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Derek | W0TYG  | Dell   | KF0NSP |
| Don   | W0AF   | John   | KB0QKH |
| Bruce | NOBHB  | Bob    | WORJE  |
| Chris | KF0FBL | Rick   | KA0RLR |
| Bill  | KD0FJR | Rich   | K0RWJ  |
| Greg  | N0GR   | Dan    | KB0TDW |
| Paul  | WBOGXD | Dennis | WA0VJL |
| Rick  | KF0IQI | John   | AB0VK  |
| Manny | KF0IWE | Wayne  | KN0WDJ |
| Norm  | WA0JYD | Craig  | KD0YTI |
|       | (21)   | Rich   | WA0ZQG |

Some free stuff was handed out early, a Lithium backup battery for phones, 12V at 2Amp wall wart, and a few other items. Not taken was 1 of two 9V 700mA wall warts, and a 6 wire cable. ZQG showed 2 AM/FM radios, one that's free from Newsmax, and a \$25 **QFX R-37** from EBay that uses an 18650 Lithium battery with a 60mA solar panel, and also does 4 SW ranges.

Beginning the business meeting after the fun stuff, we approved printed **Minutes** and accepted Greg N0GR's \$3,435 **Treasurer's** report.

## Repeater

Dennis VJL replaced the 2 RF power transistors on our **Henry** 100W VHF amp, but they weren't a matched set (hard to get them that way) and the amp only puts out 70W now. We approved \$400 to get it done by Henry, and then another motion to upgrade Repeater Committee authorization to fix normal problems from \$200 per incident to \$500. (Our people are rational, cautious, and responsible. Not like our elected reps.)

Our **Astron 35** blew up again. The one that Rich ZQG 'fixed' with a new bridge rectifier. They will look at an Astron 50 (load is 25A cont.)

The VHF .82 repeater is 15 ft up at Memorial Park. John QKH offered his site at 1250 ASL and a 55 ft telephone pole. Wants to use a bucket truck to place the antenna (for a couple hundred). Rick KF0IQI said his site out East by the airport is closer to 1300.

## Old Business

Derek TYG will arrange our year end dinner at **Sugar's** (out East by Bomgaars) probably in the days between Christmas and New Year's.

Don W0AF offered a **Vibroplex** key to winner of a CW contest. It was won by Mike KCOFAN who made about 70 contacts. Don is now setting up a **2M contest** for early next year. Heartland Hams, SWIARC, and Bellevue (BARC) clubs may contribute toward a prize for the winner. Recognition for: farthest contact; most contacts, and most 'points' (modes, sections, distance, etc.)

We may provide comm for a **Veteran's Parade** down Main Street on Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Paul GXD had a tower party at his house, and these people helped: NOBHB, KF0FBL, KS0L, KF0NSP, KB0QKH, WORJE, KB0TDW, and WA0VJL. Dan TDW did the climbing. We had a couple of lightning stories from Paul GXD, John QKH, and Rich ZQG.

## New Business

Pres Derek TYG turned the business meeting over to Paul GXD for election of officers (because Paul has memorized the Robert's Rules procedures for elections).

With all the formalities, extending time for nominations three (3) separate times etc., it took maybe twice as long as just appointing a couple guys. We didn't need any votes. All were elected by acclamation (except club Secretary because no one volunteered for that job).

## SWIARC officers for 2024

|         |              |
|---------|--------------|
| Pres    | Derek W0TYG  |
| VP      | Craig KD0YTI |
| Sec'y   | none yet     |
| Treas   | Rich WA0ZQG  |
| Trustee | Chris KF0FBL |

Rich K0RWJ said a bill has been introduced in Congress regulating towers even in HOA areas. We adjourned the meeting at 8:13 PM.

Minutes by Club Secretary, WA0ZQG