

Meeting Minutes 10/2023

Sixteen of us attended the meeting. (3 other guys chose the Zoom link.)

Derek	W0TYG		
Don	W0AF	Terry	KS0L
Bruce	NOBHB	Dell	KF0NSP
Chris	KF0FBL	John	KB0QKH
Bill	KD0FJR	Rick	KA0RLR
Greg	N0GR	Rich	K0RWJ
Paul	WB0GXD	Dan	KB0TDW
Dale	W0HMO	John	AB0VX
Manny	KF0IWE	Wayne	KN0WDJ
Norm	WA0JYD	Craig	KD0YTI

Some free stuff was handed out. Numerous coax pieces and other miscellaneous items. (This is becoming a regular feature. Maybe you should show up once in a while.)

Dan KB0TDW did a show on **Ham Shack Hot Line** (Bat Phone). You need an Ethernet phone, and must register to use it. Greg N0GR is number 4713. Paul GXD, a more recent member, is number 610.000.2326. There are 35k members internationally. Thank you Dan.

Business Meeting

Beginning the business meeting after the fun stuff, we approved printed **Minutes** and accepted Greg N0GR's \$2,745.77 **Treasurer's** report.

Repeater Report

A new **Astron** RM-50 power supply for the 225 repeater has been purchased and installed. Cost was \$497 and Paul GXD has been reimbursed for the purchase. After installation, the draw under transmit load in situ was 19 Amps. This should provide us with adequate headroom for our needs.

The **Henry RF amp** for the 82 repeater was shipped back to ENTERPRISE ELECTRONICS for repair. A number of capacitors were replaced, but finals were not replaced. The cost of \$147.31 was less than the original estimate. Paul GXD has been reimbursed. It was bench tested with a typical 7.5 Watt input providing 104 Watts of output. This should be adequate and safe for our application.

Repeater (cont.)

Additional configuration on the Vertex 7000 is necessary before the amplifier is installed.

The VHF .82 repeater is only up 15 ft (from top of hill) 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). Still looking for a long term location.

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. Derek will give an update at the November meeting depending on availability at Sugar's.

Veterans Day parade is a week early on Saturday Nov 4th. We are providing comm. Terry KS0L is in charge. There are about 7k veterans in the Council Bluffs area.

New Business

We don't have a Secretary volunteer for 2024. This is the list of officers so far for next year:

SWIARC officers for 2024

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

Derek asked if there were any new nominations for Secretary. No nominations. Will take up nomination next meeting.

As usual, our 4th Thursday meeting date conflicts with Thanksgiving. We voted to move it up a week to 3rd Thursday, Nov. 16th.

Minutes by members KD0YTI & K0RWJ
in absence of Sec'y ZQG