

Minutes 02/2024

Club Pres. Derek TYG had the Zoom video projected on a screen and began the pledge to the flag precisely at 7PM. Karin KD4DXX was one of those on Zoom. 28 people total.

Derek	W0TYG	Kevin	N0MHK
Keith	KE0AEP	Dell	KF0NSP
Don	W0AF	Jon	KE0NWM
Bruce	N0BHB	Steve	N0ORU
Brian	KF0CJE	John	KB0QKH
Karin	KD4DXX	Bob	W0RJE
Chris	KE0FBL	Rick	KA0RLR
Bill	KD0FJR	Rich	K0RWJ
Greg	N0GR	Dan	KB0TDW
Mark	KF0GVT	Dennis	WA0VJL
Mike	KF0GVU	Suz	KE0WYL
& Ruth		Craig	KD0YTI
Paul	W0GXD	Rich	WA0ZQG
Rick	KF0IQL	(28)	
Norm	WA0JYD		

Featured program was **RT Systems** software used to load memories in our modern digitally controlled radios. RT is owned by Karin DXX and her husband. CHIRP will load memories in many radios, but RT **radio specific programs** do more such as load data from RepeaterBook and/or sort by distance. They've supported 850 radios since the year 1990. Cost for a Yaesu 991 is \$25 for software and \$12 for the cable or thirty (\$35) for both. Greg N0GR testified that it worked well on one of his radios. Karin offered us a 10% discount with code **SWIARC2024** through mid March. Program went 54 minutes.

The other program promoted on our website, testing a used Lithium battery by driving a nail into it, was spectacularly successful (out in the parking lot after the meeting). 30 seconds of warm looking fire followed by 30 seconds of intense fireworks. Imagine if you needed 370V rather than 3.7 and put together a hundred cells in series. Wow! Probably have a chain reaction. Not a good idea anywhere near your house or in a car.

Oh, and the IC-851 parts rig went to the first person who saw it, Steve ORU who has another 851 at home that suffered an underwater torture.

Business Meeting

Printed copies of Jan 2024 Minutes were read and approved, but we had to wait while Treasurer called the bank number to hear a \$2,960 balance, exactly \$180 more than last month due to 9 guys renewing (9 x \$20). Report subject to audit.

By mail and in person we received \$147 from:

Keith	KE0AEP
& Barb	KE0EGG
Brian	KF0CJE
Bill	KD0FJR
John	KB0QKH
Craig	KD0YTI

Field Day 2024

Keith AEP is our chairman and noted we may have to **buy** our food because Chris FBL who donated BBQ meat last time can't do it this time. (Keith wanted to do it all without club expense.)

He asks for volunteers before Noon Saturday and after 1PM Sunday to setup and take down. (It's weekend of June 22-23 this year. 1PM – 1PM.)

Keith says we'll probably have extra antennas so bring your rig and use ours. Also said verticals are thought to receive more noise, but last year it was the horizontal antennae that were noisy.

Repeater

Chris FBL said they (FBL, GXD, and QKH) fixed a no audio problem on .82 last month, and also found 2 noise sources bothering the county 800 Meg radios. (Only Hams could have done that at no charge to the county.) John QKH used one of his Spectrum Analyzers in the search for sources of the noise.

McClelland Hamfest

All (21) tables are sold and we're ready for it next week. We will try to accommodate vendors who forgot to reserve a table by selling them tables reserved by no-show vendors at 9AM.

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Old Business

No one spoke when Pres Derek TYG asked for a volunteer to be Club Sec'y. (Have to go to Post Office once in a while to get mail from our club **Box 661** address, and are supposed to have a copy of the Club Constitution at each meeting.) This is going to get interesting after the Hamfest because our current volunteer is retiring, and you have to have a meeting record according to Robert's Rules. We've 'appointed' one before when the guy didn't show up once, but Paul GXD said you can't do that officially.

New Business

Bill FJR said **Wx Spotter Training** will be offered at the UNO Thompson Alumni Center at 67th and Dodge on March 26th 7PM. He also had a list of upcoming Hamfests including Lincoln in May.

Paul GXD noted the **RAGBRAI** bike ride starts in Glenwood IA this year. Don W0AF said yes, he has heard about it but could find no one in Glenwood who knew about it.

Paul also said the **Celebrate CB Parade** which we usually help organize is on Saturday 11 May.

Chris FBL says he is an Extra and accredited VE for testing but wonders where to help. Rick RLR said they do testing in Lincoln. Don W0AF, also an accredited VE, told him to see Dennis YKN over in Bellevue NE.

By quick motion and second, we adjourned the meeting at 8:26PM.

Minutes by temp Sec'y, Rich WA0ZQG