

Minutes 04 / 2024

Pres Derek TYG called the meeting to order at 7PM and proceeded with the pledge to the flag. Present were these 24 Persons. Dan KB0TDW Talked on System Fusion. Both 442.225 444.075 support, It's plus and minus factors, differences Vs. other digital modes like D-Star, Motorola, etc.. Also discussed code plugs Very informative for the digital operators and Hams new to digital.

Members Present:

Derek	W0TYG	Dale	W0HMO
Allen	K0AAI	Manny	KF0IWE
Keith	KE0AEP	Norm	WA0JYD
Don	W0AF	Dell	KF0NSP
Bruce	NOBHB	Rick	KA0RLR
Brad	K0CPU	Rich	K0RWJ
Bill	KD0FJR	Dan	KB0TDW
Greg	NOGR	Bill	N0WWA
Mark	KF0GVT	Craig	KD0YTI
Jon	KE0NWM	Suzanne	KE0WYL
Chris	KE0FBL	Paul	WB0GXD
John	AB0VX	Kevin	N0MHK

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Business Meeting started at 7:39

FJR presented printed Minutes from last month, and a YTI a double barreled Treasurer's report. Both were approved – the Treasury subject to audit. Some details of the finances:

Monthly Treas. Report

previous bal.	\$ 2,960
ARL insurance	- 200
McClelland hall rent	- 250
dues (before the Flea)	+ 147
Gross rec. at McClelland	+ 1,881
balance	\$ 4,538
Two new members paid dues	+ 40.00
New Balance	\$ 4,578

Craig KD0YTI is serving as temporary Treasurer.

Repeater

Paul GXD, And Chris FBL, Trustee discussed Our repeater systems. They reworked remote command equipment that allows adjustments, Or on/off control of our equipment remotely without a trip to the antenna site. Some adjustments were made on .82 While not at full power .82 seems to have improved coverage.

The Repeater Committee welcomes signal reports on both systems, SWIARC Helped Pott County with some QRM/RFI Issues the county was having..

Our VHF .82 repeater 'lifeboat system' consists of the .22 Rx out at IWCC; a UHF link, and the 82 transmitter at the same Memorial Park site as 225, but with merely 10W to an omni antenna atop the shack. If that sounds weak, yeah sorta. We need a good site for .82. Several possible sites have been considered – But No site found.

Discussion of signal problems in SouthWest Omaha, FJR noted this. Note: Bill FJR retired his antique Motorola Spectra and Rick RLR helped with a redo of his mobile rig and antenna. Much better now.

A motion was made By GXD to keep all SWIARC nets on the 442.225 repeater Some nets were switching to other channels causing considerable confusion. Passed A secondary motion was made and seconded by Norm to keep Nets on the same channel as much as possible. There have been some QRM issues at times Especially bad on Ak's 146.94 Both motions Passed.

Paul said some maintenance was done with the voter and audio levels at the IWCC receiver site as the receiver system wasn't passing audio at time..

Field Day

The site isn't settled yet. FDay Chair Keith AEP preferred the Lake Manawa site as we had 2 years ago, but the accommodative park ranger has moved on. The NEW site is Bob WORJE's house 5 miles North of the Sugar's Saturday breakfast location way past Cow Patty's. On old 191. Shelter will be available IF severe weather shows up.

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Field Day and Old Business Con't

WE discussed items needed at Field Day to be held at Bob WORJE's QTH. We need a Porta-Potty A Trash can, Propane for cooking.. after some phone calls a Vendor can supply a Potty for 217.50 plus delivery puts at \$247 Plus Tax. MOTION made to allocate \$300 for the potty and propane. Possibly gasoline??? Passed. A list is being made of other needs for food, water, other needs... generators???

WE were unable to use Lake Manawa as they will not allow tents to be put up!

SWIARC will provide communications support at the Parade in downtown Council Bluffs on May 11th. Meet at the EOC at Willow And Main at 8:30 AM

We had tabled a motion on Printing expenses. Bill KD0FJR stated the the \$27.00 allotment He was given seems to be holding up okay, AS he can make copies for 10 cents each at the Ralston Library.

We never did elect a club Secretary last year, but finally did this month. Only one person said Yes when nominated, and we elected Bill KD0FJR by acclamation. (ZQG has been doing Minutes in the interim.)

New Business

Derek TYG said we have to renew our Zoom App if we want to keep using it. \$122 for the next year. Someone suggested WhatsApp for a substitute, but it does not work for larger groups like we have with several on the screen. Expense approved on a motion by GXD and 2nd by JYD.

In more of 'New Business' the Treasurer HAD said he is moving out of town in a month. Pursuant to our Club Constitution, we nominated several people to fill out the 2024 Treasurer's term, but none accepted. Unable to resolve the

problem, it was tabled until next month. Craig YTI, who along with Greg N0GR remains on the bank's list of club representatives, will sign checks in the interim. WE STILL Need to elect a trustworthy Person as club Treasurer. Please consider it!!

Someone brought a box of various items, tubes, old books to the meeting for anyone that wants them..

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rick, KA0RLR announced that MFJ Enterprises in Starkville, MS is ceasing manufacturing and operations on May 17th. They will likely sell off existing inventory while it lasts...

Derek said He had received a request for a 2nd Iowa Ham club to participate in the Lewis And Clark Expedition Trail Radio event. SiouxLand ARC is a participating club. This will follow the route from the Mississippi Up the Missouri west to the Ocean. Mister M Millhorn AF7MM is organizing this for the Clark Co, Washington Radio Club. June 1st to 16th.

Early thoughts of doing an radio event at Offutt AFB base are being considered for late summer.

Bill KD0FJR will send an condolence card to the family of NOIVI Barbara Lindsley and Her husband Terry on behalf of SWIARC and AARC.

Motion made to adjourn.

We adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM.
Minutes by Club Sec'y, KD0FJR