

# ***SWIARC Meeting*** ***January, 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026***

President Derek W0TYG called the meeting to order at 7 PM and proceeded with the pledge to the flag. **Business meeting started at 7:00**

**NOTE: due to extremely COLD Weather ONLY 9 Members where at the meeting room, REST were on Zoom.**

## **Present:**

Derek W0TYG      Jon KE0NWM  
Dan KB0TDW      Don W0AF  
Bill KD0FJR      Jimmy WX4TAZ  
Craig KD0YTI      Bob W0RJE  
Joan KF0TQM      Dennis WA0VJL  
Gary W0GJW      John AB0VX  
Paul WB0GXD      Norm WA0JYD  
Rick KF0IQL      Susanne KE0WYL  
Allen K0AAI  
Greg N0GR ??      Plus New Members  
John KF0UEJ      Kevin KF0VRH,  
Ray KFOVGH

## **On Zoom:**

ARRL Iowa Club Coordinator Tim N0CKR

Minutes from last month discussed  
Minutes accepted by motion made by Paul GXD and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig YTI.

Motion to approve minutes, passed.

## **Treasurer Report**

Starting Balance      \$4,641.44  
Checks Paid Items for Minden \$225.95  
105.48 and 252.35  
Deposit of \$150.00 Interest of \$1.15

End of November Balance      \$4,147.03  
December Transactions:  
Check for Minden expenses \$1,000.88  
Interest Paid      \$0.94

NO Deposits

Ending Balance is \$ 3,147.08

Motion to accept made by unknown  
Approved Report is been accepted for audit.

## **Reports // REPEATER COMMITTEE**

The repeater deck from Minden is down for repairs but working on antennas, with link equipment and APRS capability.

The controller is on loan, Bob N0DYB has graciously donated the use of a temporary Repeater at the Minden site.

The Duplexers at the .82 were re-tuned as they had drifted. > .82 also had a NO Audio issue with a broken wire fixed, Over on 442.225 machine, The Wires-X setup was adjusted to NOT link with the Kansas City Wide room as it has near non stop traffic making unlinking near impossible, Horrors! The 442.225 was found off the air! Team members found that a Power Circuit Breaker shared with some of the HVAC equipment had been turned off and not reset, Simple fix.

Paul WB0GXD asked that members have some patience on the 442.075 repair process.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Derek has secured the Town Hall in Mc Celland for the next March Ham Fest On March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 He contacted Les, and N3JFP to confirm their availability. The main door prize will be an RigExpert MATCH antenna meter with the upgrade software included.

## **ARES:**

At the last ARES meeting, Plans for upcoming events were discussed, Also discussed having countywide repeater coverage Test this upcoming year. A very long discussion ensued on 2026 plans,

In addition , We had an ARES meeting at the Pott County EOC with the new radio console on display and overall discussion of plans, Planing a countywide communications test and with Crossband capabilities. ARES had 53 Wednesday nets plus 7 other net, Info on upcoming NWS storm spotting classes including with Zoom Classes. Some talk of a statewide mesh network using many of the former AT&T relay sites, Also with a Douglas County site. Class on message handing And IS100, 200, and IS700 Fema classes/ tests being considered.

We Have a Membership committee to help welcome new members with Joan KF0TQM as chairperson, and Gary W0GJW. and Jimmy WX4TAZ helping. Joan would like an updated SWIARC member list, She would like to re-engage with past members and welcome them back, We discussed printing up new club membership cards for the membership.

Discussion of using PayPal for dues payments,

Possibility of starting upgrade classes to General and Extra Class privileges.

Talk of the 712 initiative as a club project. Also on upcoming parades and other possible events With this being 2026 Derek would like to expand our

Club's community presence, Along with ARES events,

**Program: NONE**

## **NEW BUSINESS: ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A Discussion of a "Clubhouse" at Bob W0RJE's spare garage location, Several members have generously donated various items and Cliff donated a Refrigerator. Bob has the vision to provide this garage for the club's enjoyment. We are appreciative of Bob's efforts, A lot of new improvements have been made. We had a discussion of putting a high tech security camera at the ClubHouse location. After weighing different options, A Motion was made to purchase a Reolink dual camera system appox \$162.00 to monitor the considerable equipment there, Motion made to allow up to \$200.00 for this purpose made by Dan KB0TDW. Passed. John AB0VX expressed some concerns.

A Porta-Potty can be rented when we have events planned at the Garage Clubhouse.

A motion was made by Paul WB0GXD to allow up to \$500.00 to be available for "special projects" as the club officers may determine by the majority of club officers, Passed.

While we didn't have a specific program, We talked about 2026 being the Year of the Club, and Tim N0CKR Iowa club coordinator with ARRL talked about

about different possible projects around Iowa. There is now an Iowa Section Face Book site and talk of having an ALL Star Iowa Net.

Winter Field Day will be held on the weekend of January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

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**Motion to adjourn Passed 8:56 PM**

William P. Snyder KD0FJR Club ,Secretary