

SWIARC Meeting

March 27th 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**

Present:

Derek W0TYG	Jon KE0NWM
Dan KB0TDW	Greg N0GR
Bill KD0FJR	Jimmy WX4TAZ
Craig KD0YTI	Bob W0RJE
Joan KF0TQM	Dennis WA0VJL
Gary W0GJW	John AB0VX
Paul WB0GXD	Rich K0IQL
Foster K0ZOD	Susanne KE0WYL
Allen K0AAI	Clif KF0OHR

Plus New Members

Tom KF0VAJ Kevin KF0VRH,
Ray KFOVGH John KF0UEJ

On Zoom: Don W0AF Matt N3PAY
Tim N0CKR

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

Motion to approve minutes, passed.

Treasurer Report

Starting Balance \$2,872.95
Checks Paid Items for Hamfest
Deposit proceeds from Hamfest
+\$1,182.41
Interest of \$1.15
End Balance \$2,722.34

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

The annual renewal of the club's ARRL
liability Insurance is to be Paid \$200.00

Reports // REPEATER COMMITTEE

The 146.820 was found off the air!
Team members found that the VHF
antenna on the IWCC tower had broken
and appears beyond economical repair.

We cannot justify the cost of an antenna
crew on an old auxiliary tower of KIWR.

So, The Repeater Committee
REMOVED all of SWIARC's equipment
from the Hut at Iowa Western.

After considerable discussion of our
options A motion was made to relocate
the 146.820 repeater equipment to the
current AT&T tower near Minden where
our 442.075 repeater is located > subject
to the approval of the Iowa Repeater
Council

for coordination at the new location.

Dan KB0TDW is coordinating the
planning for what needs to be done, Plan
is to replace the aging deck with new
equipment, put up a new antenna, and
swap out the controller. This is an
complicated project with club members
help needed. May take several 8 hours
work days to do the needed work, with a
14 week timeline projected. Est. cost of
\$3877 We have heliax available.

The current 442.075 Minden UHF
repeater has a 80 watt output and giving
excellent coverage.

> NOTE: WE did get 146.82 back on
the air on a temporary basis at John
KB0QKH's QTH/ Thank You!

HAM FEST Report

WE had an attendance of 125 persons.
Kitchen profit of \$155.41 .

Admission \$726.00 Raffle \$855.00
 Table Rentals \$144.00)
 Membership Dues Collected \$20.00
 LESS Expenses of
 Hall Rental \$250.00
 Grand Prize cost \$401.99
 Starting Bank \$100.00
 Name Tags \$46.00
 TOTAL PROFIT \$1,102.42
 Main Door Prize: RIG MATCH
 antenna meter.

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 , NWS to hold a Storm Spotter class open to the public at the Pott County EOC on April 7th and an advanced class with radar explanation a week later on April 14th.

Celebrate C B parade will be held on Saturday May 9th with ham communication support.

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.

Program: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

**Gave Gift cards to Gary & Clif
 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming Hamfests.

While we didn't have a specific program, WE talked about 2026 projects and planning.

Motion to adjourn Passed 8:35 PM

William P. Snyder KD0FJR Club ,Secretary