

OSCAR Newsletter May 14, 2016

The next OSCAR meeting is Saturday June 11, 2016, the second Saturday of the month.

The meeting is held at 9:00am in the back room of "The Kitchen" restaurant in downtown Owatonna, located at 329 Cedar Ave N.

May 14, 2016 Meeting Notes:

The meeting was called to order at 9:03am by President Randy KD0NUV.

Attendees:

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| Alec | KE0IOQ |
| Barry | KD0YRE |
| Bill | WA0FMG |
| Brian | K0BDD |
| Charles | KCOLXB |
| Dale | WB0PKG |
| Dave | WBOVAK |
| Gregg | KD0GVR |
| Jared | KE0FQM |
| Jeff | KC0UOW |
| Kris | KCOREO |
| Larry | KR0K |
| Leonard | KE0BPF |
| Lowell | KD0RGH |
| Matt | KA0PQW |
| Mike | N0MDC |
| Randy | KD0NUV |
| Tom | N0UW |
| Daniel | guest |

Treasurers Report was read by N0MDC. Motion to approve by WB0PKG, seconded by K0BDD. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report was summarized via the April Newsletter. Motion to approve by KA0PQW, seconded by KD0RGH. Motion carried.

Skywarn Report: Update was given by N0UW. The training last month went well and the ARMER radio training had about 12 attendees.

Repeater Report: No formal report.

Website Report: The site has a page on it for Field Day, and is continually being updated. Check often for the latest information. There is also information there for anyone interested in personalized T-shirts for the OSCAR Field Day. Please contact Court Sports directly if you are interested.

AERO: The Association of Emergency Radio Operators. Classes coming up.

New Business: There was discussion regarding the club finances and the repeater vs. club portion. The consensus is that the repeater fund can only be used for the repeater. While the general fund can be used for items as designated and approved by the club, and that could include the repeater if so voted upon. As secretary I will dig into the archives and bi-laws to verify this is correct.

Field Day: Much discussion about field day, some highlights as follows:

- Letters have been sent out to the City Council, County Commissioners, and other local and area groups.
- There will be a taping on the Owatonna Today Show which will air at a later date, and also should be on YouTube.
- Paperwork is being filed with the school district for our reservation at Willow Creek School – The site for this year's Field Day, same as the last 2 years.
- The Civil Air Patrol has been informed.
- The EOC trailer is reserved, the port-a-potty is scheduled, and picnic tables, garbage and recycling cans are lined up. The high-lift should be available as well. A call to The Gopher State One Call will be made.
- We are also working on a possible program with the Boy Scouts, maybe even a merit badge scenario.
- If you are bringing a lap-top for logging in, it will be helpful to have the N3FJP software loaded, the network version, and make sure you are Wi-Fi compatible.
- New this year is a Safety Officer Position – I believe KDOYRE is leading this. Remember, we are all responsible for a safe site.
- Social Media is another area and we have KD0NUV and KE0IOQ heading that up. Look for our Facebook page and Twitter account!
- The GOTA Station will be set up as well. GET ON THE AIR – a station for guest to contact people over the airwaves. Volunteers to help at the GOTA station are always welcome!
- We will be accepting donations to help offset Field Day costs. Help out if you are able.
- There was a round table and everyone discussed what they may be bringing, operating, donating, helping with, etc. Too much to list, but a BIG THANK YOU to everyone in advance!
- KR0K gave an update on the Faribault area club and their first Filed Day in several years. They are also organizing a fox hunt, and made a presentation to the high school robotics club.

There was a motion to adjourn by N0MDC, seconded by KE0IOQ. Motion carried, meeting was adjourned at 9:54am.

Respectfully submitted by WA0FMG

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