

OSCAR Newsletter February 11, 2017

The next OSCAR meeting is Saturday March 11, 2017, the second Saturday of the month.

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

February 11, 2017 Meeting Notes: The meeting was called to order at 9:07am by President Kris, KCOREO.

Attendees:

Alec	KE0IDQ
Bill	WA0FMG
Dale	WB0PKG
Gregg	KD0GVR
Jared	KE0FQM
Jerry	KD0KRY
Kris	KCOREO
Larry	KR0K
Lou	K0IUQ
Lowell	KD0RGH
Matt	KA0PQW
Mike	N0MDC
Rich	WB0OAD
Tom	N0UW

Secretary's Report was summarized via the January Newsletter. There was one correction. The minutes will be amended. Motion to approve as amended by WB0PKG, seconded by KE0FQM. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was read by N0MDC. Motion to approve by KD0KRY, seconded by KA0PQW. Motion carried.

Annual Club dues: \$15.00. They are per calendar year, **due January 1, 2017**. Thanks. Extra donations for the Club repeater are welcome.

Skywarn Report: Report from KD0KRY. The Tuesday meeting to be held February 21st will be at the Ellendale Community Center. Check the website for updates and details. The March 21st meeting will be the training session.

www.steelecountyskywarn.org

CERT: Report given by KD0KRY. There are 8 people in the current class, going well. Check their website for details.

<http://www.steelecountyemergency.com/cert> Report from KR0K that Rice County is in startup mode for their CERT program.

Repeater Report: No formal report. General discussion about the repeater and location.

New Business:

KA0PQW reported there is an AM Rally contest coming up April 1, 2, and 3. Check ARRL for details.

Welcome to a new ham in town, Lou, K0IOQ.

WB0PKG reported he has looked into replacing the old steel mast for the Club's 40 meter (?) antenna with an upgraded aluminum unit. Cost to be about \$110 or so. Motion made by KA0PQW to approve purchase of the materials at a cost not to exceed \$200.00. Seconded by N0MDC. Motion carried.

(NO CODE - Technician Class)

What is Required:

- Eight class sessions, about two hours each.
- ***Ham Radio License Manual (3rd Edition)*** Study guide.
- Discipline to read the study materials.
- License exam fee (\$15).
The exam fee is subject to change.
- Correctly answer 26 of 35 multiple choice questions, and you know what the questions may be.

Contact:

- Tom NØUW 507-444-9133

When:

- 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
- Tuesday:
21-Feb, 28-Feb, 07-Mar, 14-Mar
- Thursday:
23-Feb, 02-Mar, 09-Mar, 16-Mar
- License exam will be given on 16-Mar

Where:

- **Community Ed Building – Owatonna**
- **122 West McKinley**
- **Room 119.1**

Website: The site is continually being updated. Check often for the latest information. www.oscarmn.org

There was a motion to adjourn by KR0K, seconded by KE0FQM. Motion carried, meeting was adjourned at 9:34am.

Respectfully submitted by WA0FMG.

A round table discussion followed with good information, laughter, and various comments from the peanut gallery.

- KD0KRY received his State of MN Certificate of Emergency Management
- Field Day discussion.
- Perry, Iowa Hamfest February 25th.
- There are a lot of local nets, Get involved, have fun!
- KA0PQW will ride with anyone going up to the St Cloud Hamfest. He is also looking for some help this spring to do some work and repair on his antennas. Let's see what we can work out.