

OSCAR Newsletter September 9, 2017

The next OSCAR meeting is **Saturday October 14, 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.

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

Attendees:

Bill	WA0FMG
Brian	K0BDD
Dale	WB0PKG
Gregg	KD0GVR
Jeff	N0GZK
Jerry	KD0KRY
Ken	N0HMD
Kevin	K0AJB
Kris	KCOREO
Kurt	KD0SEE
Lou	K0IUQ
Lowell	KD0RGH
Matt	KA0PQW
Mike	N0MDC
Richard	N0BAD
Tom	N0UW

Secretary's Report was summarized by WA0FMG via the August Newsletter. Motion to approve by N0MDC, seconded by KD0SEE. Motion carried.

*NOTE: Two corrections to the August minutes were relayed to me after the meeting. First is a spelling correction for WA0F, name is Marc (I typed Marv). Second is I had KA0PQW listed as the new Handy Ham coordinator, that is incorrect, Lucinda is the Coordinator (and is scheduled to be a guest speaker at the October meeting!)

Treasurers Report was read by N0MDC. Motion to approve by N0UW, seconded by KD0GVR. Motion carried.

Skywarn Report: KD0KRY & N0UW updated that are continuing to update "sweet spot" location and documentation for a new map in 2018. These are predetermined spotter locations. Check the website for meeting locations and news.

www.steelecountyskywarn.org

CERT: KD0KRY updated the group. Good interest for the February class tentatively scheduled for February 1st through February 15th with classes held Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Check the website for details and news.

<http://www.steelecountyemergency.com/cert>

Repeater Report: The repeater was affected by the power outage on Labor Day evening by the storm that rolled through. N0UW and WB0PKG are working on determining the problems, including the ARCOM controller, the ICOM, and the Kenwood.

A motion made by KD0KRY to authorize the Club Officers to approve expenses to get the "49" back on line, estimated costs for the ARCOM to be in the \$225 range. Motion seconded by N0MDC. Motion carried.

There was continued discussion about the other repeater equipment, including the pre-amp.

A motion was made by KA0PQW to authorize the Club Officers the authority to approve additional expenses as required for the other equipment if needed to bring the repeater to operating use. Motion seconded by K0BDD. Motion carried.

Continued discussion about moving the Sunday night NET to the "105" repeater. WB0PKG will contact Dave about the possibility.

ARES: Check the website for events.

Fall Picnic: Date for the Fall Picnic at location of Crane Creek Park is Saturday September 23rd at 9:00am.

N0UW has been nominated for the Vice Director of the Dakota Division. Let's support our local hams!

A reminder to everyone if monitoring the Hurricane event frequencies. Just listen, don't interfere.

NEW BUSINESS: KA0PQW is coordinating the Handy Ham Coordinator, Lucinda, to be a guest speaker for our October meeting. Thanks Matt!

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

There was a motion to adjourn by KA0PQW, seconded by K0BDD. Motion carried, meeting was adjourned at 9:38am.

A roundtable discussion followed with various topics discussed.

Respectfully submitted by WA0FMG.