

OSCAR Newsletter February 10, 2017

The next OSCAR meeting is **Saturday March 10**, 2018, 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 10, 2017 Meeting Notes: The meeting was called to order at 9:09am by President Kris, KCOREO.

Attendees:

Bill	WAOFMG
Dale	WBOPKG
Daniel	ACODA
Gregg	KDOGVR
Jared	KEOFQM
Jeff	KEOFWN
Jeff	NOGZK
Katy	KEOMQX
Kris	KCOREO
Kurt	KDOSEE
Lou	KOIUQ
Lowell	KDORGH
Matt	KAOPQW
Mike	NOMDC
Ryan	KDOUVF
Tom	NOUW

Secretary's Report was summarized by WAOFMG via the January Newsletter. Motion to approve by WBOPKG, seconded by KDOGVR. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was updated by NOMDC. Motion to approve by KDOSEE, seconded by KAOPQW. Motion carried.

Skywarn Report: Updated by NOUW, they have been finishing up the mapping for 2018, check it out on the website. THROW YOUR OLD MAPS AWAY.

The SKYWARN spring training session is set for 7:00pm on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. Meeting location is the 3rd floor of the Owatonna Fire Hall, 107 W Main Street. www.steelecountyskywarn.org **Training is required every other year to maintain membership.**

CERT: Updated by NOMDC, the new class started in February with 8 people signed up. The January class was postponed due to weather. The Owatonna Armory was activated and opened during the snowstorm. Check the website for details and news. <http://www.steelecountyemergency.com/cert>

Repeater Report: Updated by NOUW, equipment was pulled, repaired, re-installed, and everything appears to be running well. THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED!

RACES & ARES: Check the OSCAR website for events.

New Business:

- The MS Tour de Minnesota bicycle ride will be looking for volunteers, and the repeater will be available for their use.
- Thanks to all who are helping with the Sunday night NET hosting. It is a good opportunity to get involved. It's fun and easy, really!
- Discussion about the wording in the By-Laws regarding membership. Motion made by NOUW and seconded by KE0MQX to reword the membership section to read:

“1. Membership.

1. Membership is open to all licensed Amateur Radio operators. It includes all Club privileges, including rights to hold office and to vote.”

Motion carried.

- Discussion about having some sort of presence for the upcoming **Steele County Free Fair**. After many ideas were talked about, a decision was made to form a committee to further investigate, discuss, and prepare ideas for this event. Committee members include: **Jeff – N0GZK; Mike – N0MDC; Ryan – KD0UVF; Tom – NOUW**. This group will meet and discuss ideas and bring them forth to the club. NOUW is going to look into to a special event call sign.
- Discussion on DMR and Fusion. General consensus is to get the 49 set up at the new location and running before adding features.

Technician Class for 2018 – In progress – **VE session at 6:30pm on March 15th**. Check the website for details.

Club dues of \$15 are due in January of 2018. Thanks! (Extra donation to the repeater fund are always appreciated) **Current paid membership number is 26.**

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting by KE0FQM, seconded by KD0RGH. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:57am.

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

Respectfully submitted by WA0FMG.