

OSCAR Newsletter February 9, 2019

The next OSCAR meeting is **Saturday March 9**, 2019, the second Saturday of the month. The February meeting will be held at 9:00am at The Kitchen restaurant - 329 Cedar Avenue N in Owatonna.

February 9, 2019 Meeting notes:

The meeting was called to order at 9:09am by President Kris, KCOREO.

Attendees:

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| Barry | KY0GBZ |
| Bill | WA0FMG |
| Bonnie | NOBKJ |
| Chad | NOZCB |
| Dave | KCOUVY |
| Deuel | NS0L |
| Gregg | KDOGVR |
| Jeff | KCOUOW |
| Jon | NOJSA |
| Kris | KCOREO |
| Kurt | KDOSEE |
| Lowell | KDORGH |
| Ryan | KDOUVF |
| Tim | KE0QPV |

Secretary's Report was summarized by WA0FMG via the January newsletter. Motion to approve by NOBKJ, seconded by KDOGVR. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was updated by WA0FMG. Motion to approve by NOBKJ, seconded by KCOUOW. Motion carried.

Skywarn Report: Updated by KCOUVY. Required Skywarn training will be at **7:00pm on Tuesday March 19**, 2019 at the Owatonna Fire Hall – 107 West Main Street - Third Floor. www.steelecountyskywarn.org There are additional Skywarn Training sessions: March 30th at 9am in Kenyon and April 16th at 7pm in Wanamingo. CHECK THE WEBSITE TO VERIFY. Skywarn is hoping to do a mock drill at the April meeting.

CERT: Report by NOBKJ. The shelter was opened during the recent winter weather to help travelers. Other organizations donated items, it is a great resource. Get involved! Check the website and the CERT Facebook page for details and news. <http://www.steelecountyemergency.com/cert>

Repeater Report: Updated by KCOREO. Repeater is performing well. Tweaking of the hut temperature and a few noise issues which are being investigated. Echolink is being worked on as well. Thanks to all involved!

RACES & ARES: No report given. Check the OSCAR website.

New Business:

- NEW Technician class was discussed. The dates are February 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, March 5, 7. Time is 6:30pm – 8:30p. Location is Owatonna Fire Hall – 107 W Main St – Owatonna – Main Floor. The exam is on March 7th.
- KEOREO recapped the Club equipment that is being gathered for the **auction on March 9th following the Club meeting**. A list was circulated. WAOFMG stated he would email out the list and pictures.
- There was discussion about the fall picnic date and the cold weather we have had in recent years. A consensus was to look at a September date. There was a motion made by NOBKJ, seconded by KDOSEE to determine the date of the fall picnic at the July meeting. Motion carried.
- Announcement that the Faribault Club has their annual foxhunt coming up in May.
- KCOREO discussed the ARRL podcast and demonstrated it on his phone. There was discussion about airing the podcast before the Sunday night NET for about 5 – 7 minutes. A consensus was that is a good idea and would be left to the discretion of the person running the NET.

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting by KDOSEE, seconded by KCOUOW. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:34am.

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

Respectfully submitted by WAOFMG.

