

OSCAR Newsletter December 14, 2019

The next OSCAR meeting is **Saturday January 11, 2020**, the second Saturday of the month.

The January meeting will be held at 9:00am at The Kitchen restaurant located at 329 Cedar Avenue North in Owatonna.

December 14, 2019 Meeting Notes: The meeting was called to order at 9:12am by President Kris, KCOREO.

Attendees:

Dale	WBOPKG
Jared	KEOFQM
Dietrich	KEOWWL
Mike	NOMDC
Matt	KAOPQW
Jeff	KCOUOW
Richard	NVOC
Jeff	NOGZK
Lowell	KDORGH
Kurt	KDOSEE
Larry	KROK
Gregg	KDOGVR
Kris	KCOREO
Jon	NOJSA
Chris	KOEAT
Tom	NOUW
Brian	KOBDD
Kevin	KOAJB
Sheila	KEOVVV
Kris	KA7LXA
Ken	NOHMD
Dan	ACODA
Sandy	KCOBNQ

Secretary Report was read by Dale, WBOPKG. Mike, MDC moved to accept. Matt, PQW 2nd. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report was read by Mike, NOMDC. Jared, FQM moved to accept. Jeff, UOW 2nd. Motion passed.

SkyWarn – No Report

ARES / RACES – No Report

Repeater Report – Dale reported the repeater experienced a Temperature Alarm. Further investigation found that the heater in the Hut had tripped out its breaker, probably from a power glitch. Also, the 100-watt light bulb that we had left on for extra heat had burned out. Tom reset the breaker on the heater and replaced the light bulb with a 60-watt bulb (what was available in the Hut). The Hut temperatures have been now been between ~63 and 87 degrees depending on the outside temperature and repeater usage.

Kris, REO, welcomed the 4 guests present:

NV0C	Dick Watts
KA7LXA	Kris Stroda
KE0WWL	Dietrich Piepho
KC0VNQ	Sandy Nordman

Larry, KROK, reported that the Faribault Club is having their Monthly Meeting and Exam session next Saturday, Dec. 21.

Tom, N0UW, mentioned that the time for the **Tech Class** is approaching soon. Tom will have more to share at the January meeting.

New Business:

Annual Elections:

Treasurer:

Nominations were opened. Mike, MDC, said he would be willing to serve one more term if nominated. Jeff, UOW, nominated Mike, N0MDC and moved to close the nominations. Dan, AC0DA 2nd.
Vote was unanimous. Mike, N0MDC is the Treasurer.

Secretary:

Nominations were opened. Bill, FMG, had stated he would be willing to serve if nominated. Matt, PQW, nominated Bill, WA0FMG and moved to close the nominations. Jeff, N0GZK, 2nd.
Vote was unanimous. Bill, WA0FMG is the Secretary.

President:

Kris, REO, stated that he would not be seeking a nomination at this time.
Nominations were opened.
Jeff, UOW, nominated Tom, N0UW and moved to close nominations. Jared, FQM, 2nd.
Vote was unanimous. Tom, N0UW is the new President.

Matt, PQW, brought up looking into buying Bandpass Filter(s) for Field Day. Dale, PKG, agreed to investigate purchasing/building Bandpass Filters for Field Day and report back at the January meeting.

Mike, MDC, motioned to adjourn. Kurt, SEE, 2nd. Meeting was adjourned @ 9:42 AM (15:42 UTC).

Respectfully submitted,

Dale, WB0PKG

Additional Information of Interest:

EC-101

This ARRL course is designed to provide basic knowledge and tools for any emergency communications volunteer. The course has 6 sections with 28 lesson topics and includes required student activities as well as a 35-question final assessment.

This course is offered free of charge. ARRL course offerings are online at <http://www.arrl.org/online-course-catalog>

MN ARES WIRES-X ROOM NOW AVAILABLE

MN ARES now has a dedicated System Fusion room. The MNARES-ROOM (node ID 45019000) This node was created to support emergency communications and public service activities on System Fusion and encourage experimentation with that mode through-out the Section. This node is open and available to all amateurs and stations are active in that room over the lunch hour as time permits. If you have questions please contact k0jcr@arrl.net for more information.

MS Ride Across Minnesota

The MS Ride Across Minnesota is scheduled for the July 27-31, 2020. No route has been announced as of today. It is not anticipated it will pass through Steele County.