

## OSCAR Meeting – January 9, 2021

The next OSCAR meeting is **Saturday February 13, 2021**, the second Saturday of the month. As of today, the February meeting will be held at **9:00am ON AIR on the 145.490 repeater**,

### January 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by President Tom, N0UW, on air on the 145.490 repeater  
On Air Attendees:

Barry	KY0GBZ
Bill	WA0FMG
Brian	K0BDD
Chad	N0ZCB
Dale	WB0PKG
Dietrich	KE0WWL
Jerry	KD0KRY
Ken	N0HMD
Kurt	KD0SEE
Linton	KB0UCO
Lou	K0IUQ
Lowell	KD0RGH
Matt	KA0PQW
Mike	N0MDC
Spencer	KE0KTX
Tom	N0UW

**Secretary's Report** was summarized by WA0FMG via the December 12th newsletter. Motion to approve by KA0PQW, seconded by WB0PKG. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report** was updated by N0MDC. Motion to approve by KA0PQW, seconded by WB0PKG. Motion carried.

**Repeater Report:** Updated by WB0PKG. Repeater operating at low power. Power amplifier has been removed and will be worked on. Using a radiant heater to keep the hut warm in the winter. The courtesy tones you are hearing are from the temperature monitoring in the hut. THANKS to the members who keep this going!

**CERT:** No report. Check the website and the CERT Facebook page for news.

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

**Skywarn Report:** Updated by KDOKRY. [www.steelecountyskywarn.org](http://www.steelecountyskywarn.org) **Check the website or Facebook page for more details.** The 145.490 is the Skywarn frequency. Meetings are held virtually. No spring class currently scheduled due to COVID-19. The existing Honeywell First Alert system is going away as it will not be supported in the near future. Other programs are being looked into. WBOPKG reported a couple of links on the weather Dashboard page are down and being worked on.

**RACES & ARES:** No report. Check the OSCAR website for more information

**Business:**

- The proposed Amendments to the Constitution will be re-introduced at the March 13, 2021 meeting.
- Club inventory to be discussed when we can meet in person.
- The Beargrease is coming up. Full slate of 75 racers registered. Some volunteers still needed. Check the website and see attached information. Contact KOBDD for more information.
- Check all of your badges, if they do not have a date, or are over 3 years old, you need to apply for a new one. Winter is a good time to get everything in order. Email NOUW at [oscarhamradio@gmail.com](mailto:oscarhamradio@gmail.com)
- Discussion about upcoming Technician class with COVID-19 issues. No plans for a spring class.
- Check the OSCAR website classifieds for equipment for sale.
- Dues are \$15 and NOMDC started collecting in December. Mail him a check or contact him to set up payment. Thanks. PayPal or similar forms of payment were researched and will not be offered at this time.
- New items noticed from the FCC. License applications will require a valid email. Fee has been reduced from \$50 to \$35. The use of an FRN # is preferred over your social security number.
- Thanks always to Dave, KCOUVY, for hosting the OSCAR website. We appreciate it!

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am. Repeater turned back over to normal amateur use.

Roundtable comments from those available. Thanks!

Respectfully submitted by WA0FMG.

**Website:** The site is continually being updated. Check often for the latest information. [www.oscarmn.org](http://www.oscarmn.org)  
OSCAR email is: [oscarhamradio@gmail.com](mailto:oscarhamradio@gmail.com)

## *Join the Beargrease Dogsled Communication Team*

We are looking for Ham to help with the upcoming Beargrease dogsled race. The race starts on Sunday and goes through Thursday. This is about a 350 mile race for the teams and Ham radio is the primary means of communication along the remote course.



### **BEARGREASE AMATEUR RADIO COALITION**



BARC volunteers setup at checkpoints, road crossings, as well as the start and finish lines. BARC is responsible for the primary health and safety communications for the race.

We welcome any help, even if you can only help one day.

#### *Race Dates*

*January 31st – February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Starts in Duluth, MN*

*For more information please visit*

[www.beargreasearc.org](http://www.beargreasearc.org)

*or email any questions to  
BARC at*

[kc0wkp@gmail.com](mailto:kc0wkp@gmail.com)

