

## OSCAR Meeting – March 11, 2023

### Meeting Minutes

The next OSCAR meeting is **Saturday April 8, 2023**, the second Saturday of the month. The April meeting will be held at **9:00am at The Kitchen** restaurant located at 329 Cedar Ave N.

March 11, 2023, Attendees:

Alec	KE0IDQ
Bill	WA0FMG
Bob	KE0QWW
Dale	WB0PKG
Dan	AC0DA
Dave	KC0UVY
Dennis	KF0HOI
Jeff D	NOGZK
Jeff K	KC0UOW
Ken	NOHMD
Kevin S	
Kevin	K0AJB
Mike	NO0MDC
Rich / Dick	NV0C
Tom	NOUW
Sandy N	KC0BNQ
Scott	K0VO
Sheila	KE0VVV

The meeting was called to order at 9:06am by President WB0PKG.

**Secretary's Report** was summarized by WA0FMG via the February 11th minutes. Motion to approve by NO0MDC, seconded by KC0UOW. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report** per WA0FMG, no statement this month as Treasurer on vacation, one member dues paid, report will be at April's meeting.

**Sunday night NET** - Join in - try it! The preamble is on the website.

**Repeater Report:** Updated by WB0PKG & NOUW. Continued maintenance. The intermittent crackling sound seems to have been quieted. We have received permission to add another ground wire, and that will be coordinated soon. **A BIG thanks to all the members who keep the repeater and Echolink going!**

**CERT:** Update by NOUW. Upcoming meeting as scheduled. Check the CERT Facebook page for news.  
<http://www.steelecountyemergency.com/cert>

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

**Skywarn Report:** Update by KCOUVY. Skywarn meeting is at 7pm the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. There will be a **SPOTTER training class March 21st** at 7pm at the Fire Hall. You are required to update your training every other year to remain spotter trained. Dave gave a very interesting report on a group visit to the National Weather Station in Shakopee, which included a hydrology discussion and the River Forecast Center, and how we can be involved. Very cool stuff! [www.steelecountyskywarn.org](http://www.steelecountyskywarn.org)

**Business:**

- 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. Now is a suitable time to get everything in order. Email NOUW at [oscarhamradio@gmail.com](mailto:oscarhamradio@gmail.com)
- **New Tech class:** A great class and testing produced 5 Techs and 1 General. CONGRATS! Thanks to the VE's Tom, Dale, Dick, & Larry.
- Info from KE0QWW: **A DMR class** is Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 7:00pm at the Owatonna VFW. **Intro** class is from 9am - Noon. **Advanced** is from 1 – 7pm - Bring your radio and laptop to program your radio to the advanced class. Scan the QR code for more info or visit [dmr.kd0tgf.com](http://dmr.kd0tgf.com) to register.
- Field Day: June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. N0MDC agreed to head up the festivities. Get your thoughts going to make it a great Field Day.

Motion to adjourn by KCOUVY, seconded by AC0DA. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.

Respectfully submitted by WA0FMG.

Roundtable discussion followed. **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)

**New Licensees:**

Peter	Tech	KF0LXL
Sammuel	General	KF0LVT
Tammy	Tech	KF0LVN
Melanie	Tech	KF0LWM
Verlin	Tech	KF0LVU
Kevin	Tech	KF0LVV

## **Additional Information:**

The 2023 Bike tour season supporting the National MS Society is fast approaching at just under 9 weeks away. There are several bicycling events in which Amateur Radio communications play a significant role. There are many volunteer openings (not just Amateur Radio) needing to be staffed this year. Links to sign-ups pages for different events:

MS Twin Cities Ride: Saturday, May 13th

[https://nmss.galaxydigital.com/need/index?need\\_id=769552&fbclid=IwAR1c-v0fvPnvzDCNhZ03z0EBQ\\_wzeohqgvkG60vzSth5xPVKBxiD8ZyTzlk&need\\_init\\_id=8189](https://nmss.galaxydigital.com/need/index?need_id=769552&fbclid=IwAR1c-v0fvPnvzDCNhZ03z0EBQ_wzeohqgvkG60vzSth5xPVKBxiD8ZyTzlk&need_init_id=8189)

MS-150: Saturday, June 10th and Sunday, June 11th

[https://nmss.galaxydigital.com/need/index?need\\_id=769458&need\\_init\\_id=8101](https://nmss.galaxydigital.com/need/index?need_id=769458&need_init_id=8101)

MS Ride Across Minnesota: July 24-28

Ottertail - Fergus Falls - Wadena - Long Prairie - Ottertail

Sign up link coming soon.

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