

# OSCAR Meeting - December 14, 2024

## Meeting Minutes

The Next OSCAR meeting is Saturday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the second Saturday of the month.

December 14, 2024, Attendees:

Ahern	KF0RFR
Bill	WA0FMG
Bob	KE0QWW
Dale	WB0PKG
Dan	AC0DA
Dave	KC0UVY
Dennis	KF0HOI
Jeff D	N0GZK
Jeff K	KC0UOW
Kevin	K0GNH
Kris	KC0REO
Mike Burke	KE0CMY
Mike C	N0MDC
Sandy	KC0BNQ
Scott	K0VO
Tom	N0UW

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by President WB0PKG.

**The Secretary's Report** was summarized by K0VO via the November minutes. Motion to approve without correction WA0FMG, seconded by KC0UOW. Motion Carried.

**Treasurers Report** per K0GNH.

OSCAR Fund \$2428

Repeater Fund \$1673

Motion to Approve by N0MDC, Seconded by AC0DA. Motion Carried.

**Sunday Night NET** Join in – try it! The preamble is on the website.

<http://www.oscarmn.org/Misc042.html>

**Repeater Report**

Major update. **A BIG thanks to all the member who keep the repeater and Echolink Going!**

1. Four hours of work was performed this past weekend.
2. The heater has been reconnected to prevent freezing.
3. Checked cams again. Every touch seems to either improve or degrade performance.
4. Cleaned all connectors.
5. One ground wire was damaged and has been replaced.

Work still to be done:

1. Change T adapters, which are currently not available for order.
2. Tune the cams.
3. Steele County Emergency Management paid \$250 to cover the cost of clamps to offset the transmission line from the tower.
4. Work with OPC to have tower work done, including equipment.

It was confirmed that SWR varies as the feedline moves in the wind. It is likely rubbing against the tower and some of the insulation may be exposed/damaged. When the tower work is done, feedline will be patched to cover any exposed wiring. It is believed that the feedline and antenna do not need to be replaced to resolve all issues present at this time.

#### **CERT:**

Upcoming Meeting is scheduled. Check the CERT Facebook page.  
<http://www.steelecountyemergency.com/cert>

#### **Skywarn Report:**

Meeting always the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Fire Hall at 7:00 PM. Held a public fundraising event last weekend, with 654 people coming through the door. Skywarn training for 2025 is set for March 18.

Permission has been granted to replace / upgrade the three antennas at the Fire Hall.

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

#### **Business:**

Elections for 2025 Officers:

Treasurer. K0GNH self-nominated to return as Treasurer. No other nominees. AC0DA motioned to approve K0GNH as 2025 Treasurer. KC0UOW seconded. Unanimous approval.

Secretary. K0VO agreed to hold the position for another year. KF0HOI moved to vote, seconded by KC0UVY. Unanimous approval. Due to distance and other duties, WA0FMG agreed to serve as unofficial undersecretary and take minutes if K0VO is unable to attend.

President. Much thanks to WB0PKG for being president the past few years. WB0PKG made it clear he would not be continuing in the role. After many were suggested and no one seemed willing, K0VO asked for a summary of the duties of president. N0UW consulted the club constitution and read the duties of president, which are available on the web site for those who wish to read them. To summarize, the president must run the meeting or find a substitute if the president is unavailable. The president serves as point person for field day, including media interviews. The president is on the list of officers with signature rights to the club bank account. The president enforces the constitution. In the event the club can not gather to handle pressing matters, the board under the direction of the president has the authority to work in the name of the club.

Following the discussion, Dennis, KF0HOI agreed to be nominated. KC0UOW moved for a vote, seconded by KC0UVY. Unanimously approved.

Motion to Adjourn by N0MDC, seconded by K0GNH. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 AM

Respectfully submitted by K0VO.

## **Event Dates:**

### **Cert Class**

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> – March 13<sup>th</sup>

### **Tech Class:**

March 25<sup>th</sup> – April 17<sup>th</sup>

### **DMR Class**

March 8 – Register at [dmr.kd0tgf.com](http://dmr.kd0tgf.com). Class is all day at the Owatonna VFW. Bring your radio and gear to program your radio. Food is available for purchase. Class is free.