

# OSCAR Meeting - January 11, 2025

## Meeting Minutes

The Next OSCAR meeting is Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the second Saturday of the month.

January 11, 2024, Attendees:

Ahern	KF0RFR
Barry	KY0GBZ
Bill	WA0FMG
Bonnie	N0BKJ
Dale	WB0PKG
Dakota	No Call
Dan	AC0DA
Dennis	KF0HOI
Jeff D	N0GZK
Jon	N0JSA
Katy	KE0MQX
Kyle	KF0POS
Kevin S	K0GNH
Kris	KC0REO
Mike C	N0MDC
Scott	K0VO

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by President KF0HOI.

**The Secretary's Report** was summarized by K0VO via the December minutes. Motion to approve without correction by N0MDC, seconded by K0GNH. Motion Carried.

**Treasurers Report** per K0GNH.

OSCAR Fund \$2610.46

Repeater Fund \$1717.69

14 memberships paid as of 9:00am, 1/11/25

Motion to Approve by WB0PKG, 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**

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

One offset clamp for the feedline has been installed at ground level to verify proper fit. OPU has been contacted to complete the offset installation. Clamps are in hand and ready to go.

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.

### **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. Skywarn training for 2025 is set for March 18.

### **Business:**

Field Day 2025 is on June 28-29, 2025. It's not too early to start planning. N0BKJ and KE0MQX agreed to act as coordinators for the event, working with N0MDC on all aspects of the event. A huge thank you to N0MDC for many years of coordinating, and an additional thank you to Bonnie and Katy for stepping into the role this year. Note: If you plan to attend field day and need extra equipment (antennas, transceivers, etc.) please notify the club at least two months prior so plans can be made to accommodate you.

There are multiple contest opportunities coming up in the coming month. If you get the chance, get on the air and participate!

World Wide Award – entire month of January. <https://hamaward.cloud/wwa>

North America SSB QSO Party – January 18-19 <https://ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf>

Winter Field Day – January 25-26 <https://winterfieldday.org/>

Minnesota QSO Party – February 1, 2025 <https://www.w0aa.org/mn-qso-party/>

Moving forward, there is a plan to make a 10-minute continuing education presentation during the gathering on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. There was significant discussion about whether to have this education component as part of the meeting, or to immediately follow the adjournment but prior to the round table discussion. Advantages to making it part of the meeting include honoring those who take the time to prepare and to make sure all club members continue to benefit from learning opportunities. Disadvantages include lengthening the meeting time and not making it possible for club members to leave if they

have no interest in the training topic but want to be present for business items. N0MDC made a motion to table a vote on the timing of the education component until the February meeting to give people time to consider the pros and cons of each. WA0FMG seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn by KC0REO, seconded by K0GNH. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 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.