



Anoka County Radio Club

Board Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2009

Board Members Present:

Parry Brown KCØTWB
Bob Cordell KBØGIP
Shawn Rung KØSMR
Jeremy Amundson KDØBOC
Dan Peitso NØPIY

Board Members Absent:

Jeff Kline KCØNIB

Guests Present:

Dave Runkle KCØKEP
Ann Foster KØANN
Tim Neu KCØLQL
Brian Lakeman KCØZTW

Called to order by the President at 7:07 p.m.



Bob Cordell KBØGIP gave an official "thank you" to the outgoing board members and a welcome to the incoming ones.

Secretary's Report: Accepted and Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of this meeting is \$2198.89. Accepted and Approved

Old Business:

Bob Cordell KBØGIP asked Brian Lakeman KCØZTW if he would like to serve on the events committee this year. He accepted.

Bob Cordell KBØGIP asked if we as a club wanted to get back into community events again this year. The general membership indicated that this was desirable at the last meeting. Dan Peitso NØPIY thought that the BB4 events would be good events to work in. Bob would like to do both BB4 and Fete des Lacs. For Fete des Lacs (August 7 thru 9th) we would need about 6 people for the parade, 12 for the fireworks and 12 for the fun run.

Dan Peitso NØPIY **Motioned to commit to Blaine Blazin' 4th and Fete des Lacs events. Seconded by Jeremy Amundson KDØBOC. Discussion. Motion passed.**

Dave Runkle KCØKEP informed the board that ARES/RACES is officially under RACES now. The focus of this group is training hams in effective emergency communications.

New Business:

D-Star Repeater:

Dave Runkle KCØKEP informed the board of the issues needing resolution for this repeater to be put on the air:

1. A mount for the Fridley water tank. We need to know the full specs and drawings for the mount and determine if it is feasible, and who will make and install it.
2. We have the hardline ready to go, we are down to two antennas to install. We need to know if Fridley would allow us to install a mount on the man cage of the tank. The antennas we have are the GP21 for 1.2GHz and a GP6 dual band for 2-meter/440.
3. We need a duplexer for 440 to get 440 on the air ASAP. We will need ends for the hardline as well.

Dave also indicated that there is a possibility of Anoka County purchasing the entire system and the entire installation, operation and maintenance would be funded by them. Funds are currently available to do this.

Everyone agreed that Fridley is the best site since it is the second highest point in the area, 75 feet high of the ground and 1280 ft above sea level.

2-Meter Repeater:

Dave Runkle KCØKEP informed the board what is needed to bring the 146.670 repeater up to it's best operation.

1. We need a voter that works properly.
2. Something else is happening at Centerville – probably a feedline issue. We should get a spool of LMR400 and just do the job right.
3. We need a duplexer and cavity to bring the local site in Blaine online.
4. We need to bond the feedline to make a proper ground for lightning protection. We also need to install a lower bond point for grounding in the shack.

Field Day:

The board agreed that this year the ACRC and Anoka-ARES will host separate Field Day events. Dave Runkle KCØKEP said that the ACRC is already signed up to use the Blaine city hall parking lot already. We need to determine which class of station we will be running. Also, we need to determine what equipment and logging software we will use. Jeremy will look into it and inform Dave Runkle KCØKEP of our status by the March ARES meeting.

Adjourned at 9:04 p.m. 