



# Anoka County Radio Club

## Board Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2008

### Board Members Present:

Parry Brown KCØTWB  
Shawn Rung KØSMR  
Tim Neu KCØLQL  
Pete Alcock KBØKHZ  
Bob Cordell KBØGIP

### Board Members Absent:

Jeff Kline KCØNIB

### Guests Present:

Andrew Turner KDØBEP  
Dan Peitso NØPIY

**Called to order by the President at 7:03 p.m.** 

**Treasurer's Report:** Our balance is \$2313.08 as of this meeting. Accepted and Approved.

**Secretary's Report:** Accepted and Approved.

**Membership:** We have 47 members as of this meeting.

### **Old Business:**

Dan Peitso NØPIY updated the board on the request for help from the Red Cross. They will need four radio operators for shelters that will be on standby during the Republican National Convention. They will need help from August 30<sup>th</sup> thru September 5<sup>th</sup> (7 days) in 8 hour shifts. They have requested the use our repeater to pass traffic if a net is started. ACRC members would run and control the net. Dan will provide a tentative plan to the club secretary for the board to review.

Tim Neu KCØLQL updated the board as to the status of the automatic payments for our utilities. Qwest has been setup with the new bank as autopay. He also setup our web domain fees as an autopay.

Field Day 2008 had a great turnout. We attained a total score of 1302 points. Great Job, everyone! Some ideas for next year include: Possibly having a 3-hf setup; Include signage as to what is where, and what is what; and have greeters or information officers to help people that are new or not familiar with radio navigate the site and understand what's going on.

The BB4 Committee has asked us if we could become more involved with the BB4 events next year. We will discuss this topic in more detail in future meetings.

A topic of discussion was brought up regarding training for members and hams in general. In future meetings, we should discuss the possibility of having classes and training in net control operations and general radio training (antennas, feedline, radio usage, etc.). We have been approached by a handful of organizations requesting that we work with them in Simulated Emergency Test-like scenarios like a lost person, search and rescue, setting up backbone communications, etc.

In regards to updating the bylaws, the Bylaws Committee indicated to Bob Cordell KBØGIP that they will meet and should have some ideas by the October General Meeting.

We are looking for more VE's, especially General class and higher.

### **Repeater Status:**

Bob Cordell KBØGIP brought to the board that the repeater is in dire need of a new voter. He tasked himself and Shawn Rung KØSMR with researching and securing a new voter. **Motion by Tim Neu KCØLQL to investigate the purchase of a new voter. Seconded by Parry Brown KCØTWB. Discussion: A new voter is definitely recognized and desired by the board. Motion unanimously approved.** Shawn and Bob will attempt to secure one before the October General meeting.

Bob Cordell KBØGIP informed the board that he is looking into securing a site in Ramsey as another Receive site. The site will be located on a tower near hwy 116 & hwy 47. He will keep us posted on the status.

Bob Cordell KBØGIP informed the board that John Dooley, the State of MN Communications Officer approached him and requested presenting at our October General Meeting. He would like to give a presentation on mutual aid and communications. Bob requested that we promote this meeting and speaker to everyone we can.

D-Star Repeater Status: No update available.

**VE Report:**

Total Candidates: 2

Element 2 (Technician Class) earned: 1

**New Business:**

The Simple Supper will be held on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Tim Neu KCØLQL will handle purchasing the food and related items for this. **Motion by Shawn Rung KØSMR for the club to provide the meat and buns for the simple supper event. Seconded by Parry Brown KCØTWB. Motion unanimously approved.**

Bob Cordell KBØGIP requested that the board attempt to increase membership and activity in advance of the October Membership Meeting. In discussion it was agreed that it would be good to have more programs and presentations at the general meetings.

The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Shawn Rung KØSMR and Lorri Rung KØLLR will be the lead members on this event. In discussion the idea of bringing back Hams Against Hunger looked like a great idea (members could bring in a food donation to the party).

Bob Cordell KBØGIP asked the board how they felt about bringing back the Santa-net at Christmas. We would need a net controller and some other members to help out in local hospitals. We will discuss this event at future meetings.

Dan Peitso NØPIY announced that there will be an AERO class on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at United Hospital in St. Paul on 333 N Smith Street. Contact Dan for more information.

A motion was entertained by the President for Adjournment.

**Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**

