



# Anoka County Radio Club

## Board Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2007

### **Board Members Present:**

Chrissy Neu KCØKE  
Shawn Rung KØSMR  
Tim Neu KCØLQL - By Phone  
Dan Peitso NØPIY

### **Board Members Absent:**

Bob Cordell KBØGIP  
Pete Alcock KBØKHZ

### **Guests Present:**

Dave Runkle KCØKEP  
Lorri Rung KØLLR  
Parry Brown KCØTWB  
Ann Foster KØANN  
Dan Fish KBØXC

**Called to order by the President at 7:10 pm.** 

### **Treasurer's Report:**

No report available.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Accepted and Approved.

### **Membership Committee:**

No report available.

### **VE Report:**

Total Candidates: 1  
Element 2 (Tech): 1 Candidates, 0 Granted

### **Repeater Status:**

Still need a work party to test and/or replace the antenna and feedline at the Centerville site. Need feedline.

### **Website:**

Website is up to date.

### **Old Business:**

**FeteDeLux:** No contact from the coordinators.

**Christmas party:** Lorri Rung KØLLR will put together a sample menu list and present it to the members at the simple supper.

**Board Business:** We still need new signatures at the bank.

**D-Star Repeater Opportunity:** Dan Fish KBØXC of Radio City offered the club the opportunity to receive as a donation to the club a D-Star Repeater Controller and a 1.2 GHz Voice and Data module.

Icom had setup a deal with their distributors where, upon meeting specific sales goals of Icom products, they would be given components of an entire D-Star repeater system (controller, 1.2 GHz Digital, 1.2 GHz Voice, 440 and 2-meter), one at a time, to be donated as he sees fit. He would like to see them used in the Anoka County area, preferably with ACRC, co-managed with Anoka ARES. The controller and the 1.2 GHz voice and data modules are a done deal for Dan. He feels that the D-Star system is the direction to go for the future of ham radio. He said that there are no strings attached to the deal, other than to actively pursue it.

As for our current 2-meter repeater, he is negotiable on the 2-meter D-Star module. He did indicate that "we need to be able to move on in limiting bandwidth as hams". He would like to see the 440 D-Star unit as a bridge between 440 digital and 2-meters, if possible. Dan still needs to meet the sales criteria to receive the 440

module. If he meets the goals and receives it, he has promised it as part of the package. If he doesn't get it, he will purchase one and pay for half of it.

Dave Runkle KCØKEP iterated the costs to get the 1.2 GHz Voice/Data module up and running. He mentioned that he already has donations at hand for the racks, power supply, UPS, and other items. The main costs are in a suitable duplexer, antenna, muxer and hardline. These costs are about 5 to 6 thousand dollars. Dave is also seeking donations or discounts to these items.

Chrissy Neu KCØOKE indicated that the best approach is to present the offer to membership at the simple supper and see what they say, since there are significant costs involved.

**Tim Neu KCØLQL motioned for the club to supply the meat and beverages at the Simple Supper event. Second by Dan Peitso NØPIY. Motion Unanimously Approved.**

**Dan Peitso NØPIY motioned that he board recommend to the membership we accept Dan's offer of the 23 cm system as presented. Seconded by Shawn Rung KØSMR. Motion Unanimously Approved.**

**Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.** 