



Anoka County Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2009

Members / Guests Present:

Al Schwarz AEØAL
Ann Foster KØANN
Bob Cordell KBØGIP
Dan Peitso NØPIY
Dave Runkle KCØKEP

Jeff Kline KCØNIB
Jeremiah Bohn KCØFUI
Jeremy Amundson KDØBOC
John Czech KAØKMJ
Ken Henke NØDLS

Parry Brown KCØTWB
Paul Bushouse NØTYE
Pete Alcock KBØKHZ
Shawn Rung KØSMR
Shep Shepardson NØNMZ

Called to Order by the President at 7:10 P.M.

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Introductions

Membership: We have 50 members as of this meeting.

VE Session: We had five candidates for Technician (Element 2). All five passed. Congratulations to those new Technicians!

Announcements:

VE Exams will be held next Saturday, March 14th.

Skywarn training will be held on Saturday, March 14th at the Blaine City Hall, Mark Stack Room starting at noon. There are still a few seats left! Contact Dave Runkle KCØKEP ASAP to sign up.

This year ACRC will be participating in three major events:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Chairpersons</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
ARRL Field Day	Parry Brown KCØTWB Jeremy Amundson KDØBOC	kc0twb@msn.com jamundson@q.com
Blaine Blazing 4 th	Shawn Rung KØSMR Bob Cordell KBØGIP	k0smr@arrl.net kb0gip@juno.com
Centerville Fete des Lacs	Bob Cordell KBØGIP	kb0gip@juno.com

These are all family-friendly events. We need as many volunteers as possible to cover the positions. Please contact the chairpersons listed to volunteer or for more information.

Old Business:

D-Star Repeater: The board presented it's thoughts on the D-Star repeater – to make arrangements with Anoka-ARES to have them take ownership of the repeater due to lack of club funding, manpower, and equipment needed to setup and maintain the repeater. To just put it up without proper engineering it was estimated that we would need to come up with at least \$6000 just to get it up and running. Since it was a concern of a number of members, we asked that the repeater be kept in as an open repeater, available to any and all hams, unless Anoka-ARES needs the use of it for emergencies, drills, etc. Dave told the members that the repeater would be run as a Part 97 repeater in the ham band – and would indeed be available to all hams, unless needed for emergencies and drills. He also added that this would be one of five interlinked D-Star repeaters in the county. The board recommend that Radio City be considered as one of the venders for those future repeater purchases. There were no drawbacks noted from the floor about turning the repeater over to Anoka-ARES. **The board members discussed the option and decided to proceed with this action.** The board will meet with Dave Runkle and work out details on conveying the repeater ownership to Anoka-ARES.

146.670 Repeater: A new voter was ordered. We are still looking for some UHF receive radios – Motorola GM120 or equivalent. Ann Foster KOANN noted that a possible source for these could be Doug Reed from the TwinsLAN group. Dave Runkle KC0KEP has a duplexer to donate to the club for a local receive site in Blaine.
Thank you Dave!

New Business:

Greg Marx WF0GM made a \$100.00 donation for the repeater fund. **Thank you, Greg!**

The board members appointed Shawn Rung K0SMR as the new Repeater Chairperson.

Field Day – Parry Brown KCØTWB and Jeremy Amundson KDØBOC are co-chairs for the Field Day event this year. Parry announced that the event will be held at the Blaine City hall parking lot. This year Field Day will be operated by ACRC and Anoka-ARES separately. We still need a camper to house one of the HF stations and a back up generator. We will be running 2A this year. More info will be posted to the web soon.

BB4 Parade – Bob Cordell KB0GIP and Shawn Rung K0SMR will co-chair these events this year. More information will be coming soon.

Bob Cordell KB0GIP has a bunch of 24-series 12 v 750A deep cycle used batteries for sale - \$25.00 each.

AERO training will be held at the Chanhassen Library on April 24th from 10-4. Please contact Dan Peitso NØPIY for more information.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 P.M.