



# Anoka County Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2008

### Members / Guests Present:

Al Schwarz AEØAL  
Andrew Turner KDØBEP  
Bob Cordell KBØGIP  
Brian Lakeman KCØZTW  
Dan Peitso NØPIY  
Dan Pleau KCØUQW  
Dave Holter WØDAH

Jeremy Amundson KDØBOC  
Larry Scales NØOPZ  
Mark Sandmann KBØWOM  
Parry Brown KCØTWB  
Pat Barot KBØOLI  
Paul Bushouse NØTYE  
Pete Alcock KBØKHZ

Ray Costello NØFY  
Richard Young KCØWJE  
Russell Jones KCØIVL  
Shawn Rung KØSMR  
Shep Shepardson NØNMZ  
Thomas Holleran KCØVXC  
Tim Neu KCØLQL

**Called to Order by the President at 7:14 p.m.**

**Pledge**

**Introductions**

### Announcements:

There will be a Board Meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Blaine Baseball Complex, starting at 7:00 p.m.

**Membership:** There are 46 members registered as of this meeting.

### Old Business:

Pat Barott KBØOLI has been working with the Lino Lakes Police department to initiate interest in a network of hams to keep a neighborhood watch nearby their homes. He has a small video with information. Contact Dave Runkle KCØKEP or Bob Cordell KBØGIP for more information.

Bob Cordell KBØGIP informed the membership that the club will be changing banks. Our new bank will be US Bank.

Field Day: Dave Runkle KCØKEP gave a short run down on the events for this years Field Day. Anoka ARES has already secured the parking lot for our field day event. It is registered under both ACRC and Anoka ARES. This year Field Day will be held from Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> starting at noon thru Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> ending at noon. Setup will start at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> and cleanup will occur after noon on Sunday. Contact Dave Runkle KCØKEP for more information and to signup to help with this event.

Blaine Blazin 4<sup>th</sup> (BB4): The Blaine Blazin 4<sup>th</sup> parade will take place on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and the Blaine Fireworks will be held on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss more information about the club's participation in these events at the April Board meeting. Bob Cordell KBØGIP asked for input from the membership as to how much we would like to help out. The members present thought that between the parade, fireworks and field day, we'd have our hands full. The board concurred with this position. Contact Dave Runkle KCØKEP or Bob Cordell KBØGIP for more information and to signup to help with these events.

### Upcoming Anoka ARES Events:

Skywarn Class on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Blaine City Hall. Contact Dave Runkle KCØKEP for more information on this event.

Anoka ARES/RACES Medical Drill on Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup>. Contact Dave Runkle KCØKEP or Dave Healy KBØMVV for more information on this event.

MS SCRAM's MS150 Run will be held from Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>. Anoka ARES/RACES are already signed up to help with this event. Contact Dave Runkle KCØKEP for more information on this event.

Chisago Lakes Triathlon will be held on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. They need many hams to help out with communications for this event. Please contact Dave Runkle KC0KEP for more information on how to sign up or for more information on this event.

Ramsey County MARC has requested help from Anoka ARES for the Turtle Man Triathlon to be held on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact Dave Runkle KC0KEP for more information on this event

D-Star Repeater: Dave Runkle KC0KEP informed us that the D-Star Repeater is up and running, though still in his basement. Ross DeMeyere W0FTX has sent forms to MRC to get approval for the 440 frequency pair. The approval should happen by next month. At that point, we can formally program the official frequencies and then get it up in its final location with temporary antennas. Then we can have Fridley install mounts for the permanent antennas.

#### **New Business:**

Dave Runkle KC0KEP has received a number of emails indicating that some repeater users were not ID-ing at the end of their QSO's. We have reminded repeater users of the requirement to properly ID and since then the incidents have reduced in frequency. On March 4<sup>th</sup> at around 1:20 p.m. an individual used very foul language on our repeater. This person did not ID or give any indication of who it was. Just as the repeater was about to be shut down by Dave Runkle, the person stopped and has not been heard from since.

Richard Young KC0WJE asked if we could do a station at the Anoka County fair this year. Bob Cordell KB0GIP told the membership that we would need to have the booth staffed for the entire duration of the fair.

**Ray Costello N0FY made a motion that the ACRC NOT participate in the Anoka County Fair. Seconded by Richard Young KC0WJE. Motion passed.**

Assisting the Red Cross while the Republican National Convention is running: The ACRC was asked by Red Cross to help by providing communications support if needed should an emergency arise during the time the Republican National Convention is being held (we would NOT be involved with the convention in any way, shape or form). Bob Cordell KB0GIP asked the membership if they had any issues with being asked to help. There were no issues from the floor. Bob Cordell KB0GIP asked the members if we could use members names and telephone numbers as a calling tree to contact them for helping the Red Cross. No one present had an issue with the call tree idea.

Dave Runkle KC0KEP also informed the members that ARES has asked that hams to be prepared for a rapid response if a disaster were to happen during the Republican National Convention, since a majority of the standard emergency personnel will be dedicated to the convention.

Mark Sandmann KB0WOM gave his appreciation to Dan Peitso for holding the AERO basic class. He also thanked Bob Cordell KB0GIP for helping setup his antenna to get him on 40 meters.

Parry Brown KC0TWB recognized Jeremy Amundson KD0BOC, Al Schwarz AE0AL and Paul Bushouse N0TYE for helping out with the Buffalo Hamfest fund raiser event. Thank you for your hard work! We made \$663.00 in profit for the club! We will try this again next year as well. Thank you to those who made donations. The Anoka County Radio Club also thanks Parry Brown KC0TWB for his dedication to coordinating this event – Great Job!

Bob Cordell KB0GIP announced that we will be having a work party to document and move about 800 donated radios from Dave Runkle's basement. He asked for 6 to 8 people to help out with this. Contact Bob Cordell KB0GIP to help out or for more information.

Paul Bushouse N0TYE has sponsored the repeater for May with a \$50.00 donation. ***Thank you, Paul, for your donation!***

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 p.m.**