



# Anoka County Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2007

### Members / Guests Present:

Al Schwarz AEØAL	Dave Holter WØDAH	Lorri Rung KØLLR	Stacy Runkle KØPWD
Andrew Turner KDØBEP	Dave Runkle KCØKEP	Mike Marshik KBØTZA	Steve Besaw KD6JXG
Ann Foster KØANN	David Healy KØMVW	Parry Brown KCØTWB	Terry Holman KAØTFJ
Dan Fish KBØXC	Jay Jagerson NØMDF	Paul Bushouse NØTYE	Tim Neu KCØLQL
Dan Peitso NØPIY	Jeff Kline KCØNIB	Shawn Rung KØSMR	
Dan Pleau KCØUQW	Karen Runkle KCØWEM	Shep Shepardson NØNMZ	

- Simple Supper / Potluck dinner.
- Member Surveys were handed out regarding 2-meter repeater usage and D-Star familiarity.

### General Meeting called to order by the Secretary.

- The Secretary, Shawn Rung KØSMR, invited Dan Fish KBØXC and Dave Runkle KCØKEP to talk about the D-Star repeater offer that Dan has proposed to the club. They both answered members' questions regarding the technology and feasibility of D-Star for the club. The offer by Dan is to donate to the club, co-managed by Anoka ARES, a D-Star core repeater. This deal is part of Icom's sales incentive program. His offer includes the Repeater Controller unit, 1.2 GHz Digital Voice unit, and 1.2 GHz Digital Data unit. As he meets the required sales goals set up by ICOM, he has also promised the club the 440 Digital Voice unit and 2-meter Digital Voice unit.
- Dave Runkle KCØKEP stressed that this offer does **not** require the club to change in any way our current repeater system. The donated repeater system is **in addition to** our current 2-meter repeater. Dan Fish KBØXC indicated that moving away from our analog repeater would need to be a club decision. He also noted that he feels that we may see the benefits of the new system and may want to make that switch in the future.
- The Treasurer, Tim Neu KCØLQL, spoke about the club's financial standing in regards to the costs of the additional needed equipment to make the donated D-Star repeater functional. Dave Runkle KCØKEP indicated that he has secured donations for many of the components needed. The items we still would need include a duplexer, muxer, antenna and feedline. Dave also noted that we still have many options available for donations to the club for the still-needed items and asked the members to be open to asking groups for funding and equipment, if possible.
- **The Secretary, Shawn Rung KØSMR, motioned to the club members present to accept Dan Fish's offer as presented to receive as a donation the core Icom D-Star repeater system and do what we can as a club to make it operable. Seconded by Parry Brown KCØTWB. Unanimously Approved.**

Meeting Adjourned.