



Anoka County Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2008

Members / Guests Present:

Called to Order by the President at 7:09 p.m.

Pledge

Introductions

Announcements:

There will be discussions on ideas for up coming events up at the November General Meeting.

Just a note that Nominations for elections of board members will take place at the January Board Meeting. Elections for those nominated will be held in February. This year, the positions open for nominations are: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Board Member at Large. The Committee on bylaws will report to us in January and we will need a 2/3 member majority vote to make any changes. Please plan ahead to attend the February Elections Meeting.

Old Business:

The board approved a budget of up to \$1000 to fund a duplexer for the 1.2 GHz DSTAR repeater and a set of filters for 440 DSTAR Unit.

New Business:

Santa Net - Bob Cordell KB0GIP asked the members if we as a club would like to bring the Santa Net back into operation. It dates back to almost 20 years ago; we took volunteers and went to local hospitals with kids that couldn't be home for Christmas Eve. Net Control ran a net connected to Santa at the North Pole.

AI Schwartz AE0AL motioned that the club resume the Santa Net. Dan Peitso N0PYI Seconded.

Discussion: This event runs on Christmas Eve afternoon, so we need dedicated volunteers to help make this a success. Unanimously approved. We will be looking for volunteers to help out with this event soon!

Hams Against Hunger: This is an event that we have also ran in the past at the Christmas Party. Bob asked if we would like to resume collecting food item donations and giving them to a local food shelf. The members present felt this would be a good idea. **AI Schwartz AE0AL motioned that the club resume the Hams Against Hunger food collection. Chrissy Neu KC0OKE seconded. Unanimously approved.** We will start with the collection at the Christmas Party.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

John Dooley, the State of Minnesota Communications Officer, gave a presentation on Emergency Communications.