

Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs
Minutes of the Regular Club Meeting
June 3, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mark Spoo, N9VDQ, President as the regular presiding officer of the corporation of the corporation, and the minutes were taken by Steve Peterson, N9OA, Secretary, as the regular recording officer. The meeting was held at 418 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, IL. The following (listed by call sign) were in attendance: KC9YFI, AC9VW, N9CBA, W9BK, N0MO, N9HQ, N9VDQ, N9OA, KC9IJO, KA9KDC, KB9FYL, WA9EZA, KD9JSA, KD9DJT

Timothy Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Mary Peterson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Mary Peterson made a motion, seconded by Tom Sarlitto, to approve the minutes from the May meeting. Kelsey Schroeder asked questions regarding the minutes which the secretary answered. Kelsey also pointed out that the PR committee is identified as a committee in the bylaws and cannot be disbanded. Motion carried.

Mark Spoo had no presidents report to report.

Roger Basset was absent and had no vice president's report.

For the secretary's report, Steve Peterson read correspondence received via a postcard,
"I retired so that no one had to clean-up my mess. I'm now ex-KC9AZJ.
"Tom Heideorn at 6000 Willow Springs Rd., La Grange, IL 60525.
"Bye."

For the treasurer's report, Carol Schroder reported that everything is paid.

Mike Wilson reported that as property custodian he received some club property from a former property custodian that he will be sorting through.

Kelsey Schroeder reported for the website committee that Ken Kwasniewski is doing an amazing job of keeping up with updates. Mark asked Kelsey to provided Ken access to do text and photo updates.

Public Relations: Tom Sarlitto announced a POTA event from 9-noon on June 18, at Payton Tri-County park. Tom reported that the park closes as 1pm. After discussion, he indicated that he was incorrect and that the park actually closes at sunset.

Mark Spoo delivered the club awards report and publicly thanked Ken Kwasniewski for 17 years on the board. An award will be forthcoming.

Mike Wilson reported for the public service/emergency committee that the 13.1 will be on Sunday with the CSU being on site, that the Fourth of July parade will be held with information being send out via groups.io, that Tour de Cure will be in September, and – finally – that the marathon will be in October.

Mr. Wilson continued with the CSU report stating that the clean out continues, the batteries as charged. Carol Schroeder added that the \$28.00 registration fee was paid and will drop it off to Timothy Wheeler or Mike.rese

Mark Spoo reported that the interference committee was now aware of any interference.

Mark Spoo indicated that a vacancy remains and a point person is needed to coordinate training opportunities.

The VE committee did not have a report.

Mark Spoo reported that he will handle tonight's program of discussing the portable radios of those present in the stead of Roger Bassett. He said, "will be quick."

Timothy Wheeler, for the report of the net coordinator, requested that he be CCed on emails that may contain potential announcements during the net.

When asked about the hamfest, Kelsey Schroeder indicated that there had not been a meeting in two months because previous leadership abandoned it. Kane County Fairgrounds has confirmed the date. Mark Spoo indicated that further information will be covered in new business.

Mark Spoo began the field day report by indicating that Tom Sarlitto had volunteered his driveway for Field Day. Mr. Sarlitto stated that our generator will not be able to be used due to the presence of his neighbors. Mark thanked Tom. Timothy Wheeler concluded the report with a statement that the class A exemption remains in effect. He added that members should please spell out "Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs," because there are multiple WCRAAs.

Mark Spoo gave the membership report by reminding members that he charged each member with recruiting a new member in the next two years.

Timothy Wheeler presented the RAB report. Mr. Wheeler indicated that the DR2X is still being set up. Tim also requested assistance from experienced persons suggest potential links for the repeater. The RAB's goal is to have this repeater on the air in digital only mode on the 145.31/144.71 pair before the end of the year. To better support the club and fill the analog gap, a new site will be needed for the 145.39 repeater. In response to a question, Wheeler indicated that nets will likely be moved to the 440 repeater. The 31 machine is hanging up again. The CDH site location is no longer viable.

Carol Schroder reported that the south shelter at Blackwell Forest Preserve was reserved for the club picnic on Sunday, August 7, from noon to sundown.

As the first item of new business, Timothy Wheeler made a suggestion as a follow up to Kelsey Schroder's comment during the approval of minutes regarding the PR committee. He recommended that the hamfest committee be merged into the PR committee to officially fill that position.

Also, as new business, Carol Schroeder made a unanimous consent request that Tom Sarlitto provide the website committee information for the upcoming POTA event. Mr. Sarlitto replied that the information is on Facebook for Kelsey Schroeder to access. Mark Spoo followed up that all announcements should be done emailed on groups.io; on the website; and in the Facebook group, or it "doesn't count."

New business then continued with a ten minute discussion regarding the Hamfest. Mark Spoo began by asking the question, "Do we want a hamfest this year?" Mr. Spoo followed that up with additional points as follows:

- In 2022 our hamfest that did not occur had vendor registration numbering one-half the number of vendors present at the immediately prior 'fest including the loss of Tower Electronics.
- We could swap our traditional event with an educational event and focus with a sales area consisting of only commercial vendors and no flea market.
- As a follow up to the preceding, we could substitute our existing forums with decent topics in four hour blocks including topics such as ARDEN, fox hunting, or any number of other things
- The prior two points are copied from the Pacific Con successfully held in San Diego for which admission would be charged.
- It was stated that there is an understanding that there is club tradition surrounding the hamfest and that is has historically been our fundraiser.
- Mark requested that we think about it for a month.

Additional discussion ensued including the following:

- Kelsey Schroeder commented that many ideas have been proposed in the past and they never get implemented.
- Mark Spoo suggested additional options.
- Mr. Spoo also indicated that the hamfest in Sandwich was "severely down," and that eBay; internet; QRZ; Amazon have replaced hamfests, and finally that he doesn't have a problem with doing the hamfest.
- Timothy Wheeler reminded the assembly that if an event replaces the hamfest such a new event needs to replace the income generated by the replaced event.
- Kelsey Schroeder added that the supplies to conduct a 2023 hamfest are already on hand.
- Carol Schroeder advised that an option exists for Kane County Fairgrounds staff to either setup, break down, or setup and breakdown the tables for a fee.

The chair announced that the time allotted for discussion on the matter had expired and indicated that is would continue at a future meeting.

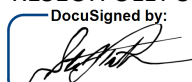
Tom Geletka offered a member comment that he attended the Dayton Hamvention and that it was hot. A member who attended got COVID which was subsequently spread to another participant.

Upon a motion by Mark Spoo which had been seconded by Tom Sarlitto, the meeting adjourned at 8:28.

After a comment by Timothy Wheeler, it had been noted that some business was missed during the meeting and it should be addressed. Since no members had left the room, it was agreed by unanimous consent to reopen the meeting to address the following two pieces of business regarding confirming appointments to the repeater administrative board. The meeting re-adjourned following the business.

Upon a motion by Tom Geletka and seconded by David Weinheimer , George Henry was confirmed to the RAB appointment, and David Weinheimer's re-appointment was confirmed by a motion by Tom Geletka which was seconded by Timothy Wheeler.

RESECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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