

Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs
Minutes for the regular club meeting for November 2022
November 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Roger Basset, W9RAF, president as the regular presiding officer of the corporation, and the minutes were recorded by Steve Peterson, N9OA, secretary as the regular recording officer. The meeting was held at 418 County Farm Rd., Wheaton, IL. The following were in attendance: KA9KDC, N9MWF, W9BK, KA3HSW, N9CBA, AC9VW, K9JAU, N9NYX, N9APP, N0MO, N0MO, W9RAF, KB9FYL.

Roger Bassett, W9RAF, began by announcing that due to a resignation, he was appointed by the executive board to fill the vacancy in the office of president through the end of the term as specified by the bylaws. He added that he will not be seeking reelection.

There were no corrections to either the September or October meeting minutes. N9NYX made a motion, seconded by N0MO to approve the September minutes, and N9NYX made a motion seconded by N9CBA to approve the October minutes. Both motions carried.

Roger Bassett presented the president's report indicating that he will have additional comments later in the meeting, but that there would be a holiday party in lieu of a December meeting and opened an informal discussion on when and where the party should be held and if we should charge a cover charge for the holiday party. After discussion, K9JAU made a motion seconded by N9OA not to charge a cover charge. The motion carried with one member opposed.

Steve Peterson read letters received by the club and had nothing else to report for the secretary's report

Carol Schroeder had no treasurer's report, and Mike Wilson had no property custodian's report.

Don Motz reported on behalf of the RAB that they had a Zoom meeting to discuss items. The DR2X was acquired with a perspective launch in January or February. They are looking to have internet access so that we can access rooms worldwide. The RAB is looking for new repeater sites as the '39 repeater is at David's and the 220 is at Don's both with limited coverage. A question was posed by the RAB if we need to maintain all of these repeaters/pairs. General discussion is needed from the membership on this subject. They will try to add a second repeater at the site with the 440 machine at no charge. They are uncertain how long the trend of free repeater sites can continue. All of our current and past sites, including the College of DuPage site were due to an "in" being had by multiple club members over time.

Kelsey Schroeder delivered the report of the hamfest committee. There will be a hamfest meeting on Tuesday, November 15 via Zoom. Assistance is needed in finding forums. Members with potential forum presenters (with contact information) or who are looking to chair the forums should contact Kelsey. We are also in need of a non-profit or not-for-profit corporation to sell food. They would potentially sell pre-packaged food. The only professional vendor who was willing wanted to pull their huge truck inside, receive a \$1500 retainer, and sold items at \$12-14 per unit. John Cheney suggested contacting the Kane County Visitors and Conventions Bureau. Don Motz suggested contacting the train show group who does their show at DuPage County Fairgrounds to see who they use. Thus far, seventeen tables have been sold. Members looking to volunteer should see Mike Wilson. It has been decided that – due to cost – WCRA will be setting up and breaking down the tables. Don asked if we have set a threshold of table sales where if it is not met, we will cancel the event. Advance tickets are available through Kelsey. Members are also asked to talk up the hamfest in the community. Don suggested "flex radio" as a topic and will get contact information to Kelsey.

Roger indicated that he considers the Hamletter our public relations.

There was no report for club awards.

Mike Wilson thanked all of those who assisted with the Chicago Marathon as the Public Service/Emergency report. Roger asked Mike to keep track of the hours spent on public service events as content for a future annual report.

Mike Wilson delivered a CSU report. The new fenders were installed. They look good. The committee is looking to finish the weather stripping on the top. The committee is also fairly sure that the water damage previously noted is a delayed result of previously-repaired leaks. The damage is apparently purely cosmetic.

The interference committee is an open position.

Training is also an open position. Roger suggested that he would like to do a joint training exercise with DuPage ARES twice a year.

VE reported that there will be a session at the hamfest. Tests will be ready. Carol Schroeder requested a session be held between December 15 and 25.

N9OA made a motion, seconded by N9NYX to accept Randy, N9APP as a member. He paid. Motion carried.

As an anchor, Roger announced that he has a Network Electronics catalog that is bound for the trash and is offering it at no charge to anyone who wanted it.

N9OA made a motion to adjourn, seconded by N9NYX. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Stephen J. Peterson, N9OA
Secretary