

**Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs
Minutes for the club meeting of February 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm., local time, by Timothy Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler is the president and regular presiding officer of the organization. These minutes were recorded by the secretary and regular recording officer, Steve Peterson. The meeting, in addition to the Zoom platform, was held at 418 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, IL. Those in attendance were the following: KC9YFI, N9OA, KB9FYL, N0MO, WD9END, N9CBA, KA3HSW, KA9KDC, N9MWF, KD9DJT, N9VNA (guest), KB9VRW, W9RAF.

John Cheney made a motion, seconded by Bill Draheim, to approve the agenda for this evening's meeting. Motion carried.

Timothy mentioned that dues are now past due.

A motion was made to accept the minutes for the January meeting. Misspelled names and callsign typographical errors were mentioned. Also, Carol Schroeder indicated that the treasurer's report wasn't present. Steve Peterson disputed the claim but assured Carol that this month's report would be included next month.

Timothy Wheeler, president, reported that the annual meeting will be held in April and that elections would be held for the offices of President, Secretary, and Property Custodian. Several opinions were shared regarding the status of the vice president vacancy. After discussion, it was concluded that the office of Vice President will be included in the election process.

Carol Schroeder, treasurer, reported that all bills have been paid and all transactions have cleared except for the hamfest prize winner.

Mike Wilson, property custodian, reported that all property from the hamfest was returned except for the amplifier which is in need of repair.

Timothy Wheeler stated that we will attempt to run Field Day if there is interest. If there is no interest, we will not hold the event.

Timothy continued his monologue stating that the club nets will be held on the first, third, and fifth Sundays at 8pm. The fifth week net is held on the 440 repeater.

Mike Wilson reported that the CSU is still there and now work may continue since it is warm enough.

Steve Peterson reported that the VE program served 2 successful applicants in one Technician and one General upgrade at the hamfest.

Mike reported that the Shamrock Shuffle on March 24. If you are not on Rob Orr's list, contact Mike if you are interested. He continued that the Lilac Parade is March 19. The lead marshal has expanded the route to wanting a ham at every intersection along the one and one-half mile parade route.

Kelsey Schroeder reported that the hamfest was on January 14. It was freezing cold with a high of -8°F and a wind chill of -30°F. We had about 50 tables with about 3-4 "no shows." One hundred fifty tickets at the door and maybe a hundred in advance. She concluded that we lost about \$2500 which is the biggest loss since the 1980 decade. The committee is rethinking the hamfest including holding it at COD. She finished by requesting that members wanting to take over let her know.

Kelsey reported that the website links broke the day after the hamfest and that it has been repaired. Please let her know if there are any broken links that she missed.

Timothy Wheeler asked if anyone was interested in serving on the nominating committee.

Larry, our guest, stated that he was a member of WCRA years ago and that he is just "taking it in."

Timothy reported that he is working on a meeting program for next month and a short video for April.

Tom Geletka made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Draheim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Stephen J. Peterson

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Secretary, WCRA