



RHG October 2021 Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting October 6th, 2021

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Kent Ochs W9KAO Director called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendees:

Danny Kafka KD9HIL	Charlene Treve K9CMZ	John Douglas KD9KSH
John Zietlow K9WIC	Barry Friedman K9FMB	Kent Ochs W9KAO
	Robert Kocourek W9RKK	
Ed Liska AC9SD		Cliff Sowka K9QD

Secretary's Report:

Cliff Sowka K9QD: September Minutes Approved as published in August Radio Hill Gazette (RHG).

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Treasurer's Report:

John Zietlow K9WIC provides the following

Bank Balance	1-Aug	\$7,703.08
INCOME	Memo	\$ 322.28
Bank Balance	1-Sep	\$7,910.19

DISBURSEMENTS Memo	\$ 279.49
9-Sep Zoom	\$ 164.32
20-Sep Data line	\$ 115.17
Checks Outstanding	\$ 25.00
Deposit not included	\$ 0.00
Account Balance	\$7,605.70
Bank Statement 1-Oct	\$7,630.70
Checks Outstanding	\$ 25.00
Adjusted balance Checkbook	\$7,605.70
Petty Cash	\$ 131.20
PayPal	\$ 80.07
Funds Available	\$7,816.97

110 Members on Roster

Ed Liska AC9SD moved to approve, Danny Kafka KD9HIL seconded. So Moved.

Public Service:

Rob Glowacki N9MVO no report. Chicago Marathon event is scheduled for October 10th. Supportive Hams are requested to be in-place by 6:30AM. Bill Riess KW9WR previously explained there is a background check and registration process for applicants to complete before selections are finalized.

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EMCOMM:

Schaumburg Public Safety Day was held Saturday October 2nd at Fire Station 51. SARC members hosted a booth demonstrating Amateur Radio capabilities to the public. Our support was greeted with a special shout-out to all the hams that showed up to support the Schaumburg Public Safety Open House. You helped make SARC's efforts very successful.

Also special thanks to Dennis KD9IK, Barry K9FMB, Rob N9MVO, and Cliff K9QD for their efforts to setup and man the booth. Thanks also to Dirk W0RI, Jim KC9UFB and Charlene K9CMZ supporting the effort and helping to share ham radio with the citizens of Schaumburg. I also want to thank the many members of SARC and the Schaumburg Emergency Radio Team that dropped by to say hello. (A special thank you to Cliff K9QD for trying to dump the 700 pieces of candy in multiple buckets when the parents weren't looking!)

73,

John K9WIC

Repeaters:

Terry Jarnholm AE9TJ and Rob Glowacki N9MVO Repeater Committee: Not Present

Previously, Rob N9MVO received word from the Wisconsin Repeater Association that the operators of the WE9COM repeater in Dodgeville, WI, often heard on the SARC frequency, has not changed anything with regard to their transmitter power or antenna. They did say there has been a lot of ducting this year, so Mother Nature is causing them to be heard SO WELL on our frequency on those occasions.

'It's not nice to fool Mother Nature,' a commercial said in the last century.

If you have problems with their repeater signal stepping on the SARC repeater, when SARC is transmitting, please let me know by email. We can then have the WI Repeater Association look into the situation.

Construction Project (CP):

Sessions have resumed with September's first gathering of ~ 15 people. Burt AB9CV has begun purchasing consumables needed to replenish CP stores.

VE Testing:

Results for October 2, 2021

Name	Call	Class
William	KD9TKP	General

Class

Technician	0
General	1
Extra	0
Total	1

Participating Volunteer Examiners (VEs):

Bill Davies	K9WKD
Steve Karson	AC9EM
John Schofield	AC9JS
Dirk Smith	W0RI
Will Sperling	W9WSS

The results were entered into the FCC ULS database on Monday October 4, 2 days after the VE Testing. This was because the documents were scanned into PDF format and emailed to the W5YI-VEC group in Arlington, TX.

Next examination date: November 6, 2021

John Schofield

Session Manager

AC9JS

Nets:

Barry K9FMB Net Chairman reported attendance continues in the 18-20 range. Assigned Net Control coverage may be posted on our website shortly.

Radio Hill Gazette RHG:

Mike K9KMV No Report.

Recurring Calendar:

Nominating Committee has contacted club members in building our slate for November's election. Their DRAFT Ballot has been published to the membership. SARC Board decided to temporarily suspend two annual awards of

1. Member of the Year
2. Construction Project Acknowledgement

These two recognition awards are being suspended this year because we have been thwarted in normal club gatherings during ~2 years of COVID shutdown.

DOMAIN:

Ed Liska AC9SD noticed a peculiar US Mail receipt. SARC has received junk mail through USPS offering to renew our domain thus indicating bots are searching for revenue by soliciting site registration services. Barry K9FMB explained the exposure we could face if we fail to renew our domain.

Domain N9RJV.ORG is due for renewal in December so we don't want someone to grab the domain and try to sell it back to us.

Membership:

Darryl Jenks KB9RHR not present. 110 Members on the Roster.

Publicity:

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Dennis C. Calvey KD9HIK Publicity Chair provided a summary of SARC's participation in Schaumburg's Public Safety Day as posted in the EMCMM section above.

Social:

John KD9KSH is researching several restaurants possibly capable of hosting our annual Holiday Party in January.

Education:

Leo N9NBH not present. Leo previously reported that Hoffman Estates Library is confirmed for our Technician Class beginning in January.

Programs:

Robert W9RKK and Cliff K9QD will present a Standing Waves demonstration during the October Business Meeting.

Old Business:

John K9WIC and Rob N9MVO will be working to schedule a Data Line switch-over from ATT to Extreme DSL.

New Business:

Robert W9RKK informed the Board he has radio programming files that could be offered for upload into our Website's Resource category. He has programming profiles for Yaesu FTM300 and FT3DR in .CSV format (no copyright concerns). Robert requested Board Approval for Matt Walsh AC9IG (Webmaster) to post the files into our Website. Future member-generated file resources could also be contributed to the site's Resource offerings. Robert has also authored a .PDF Instruction Sheet to aid in configuration.

Ed AC9SD moved, Kent W9KAO seconded. So Moved.

Adjourn:

8:24PM.

Submitted October 7, 2021. Cliff Sowka K9QD Secretary

Schaumburg Public Safety Open House 2021



On October 2nd 2021, the [Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club](#) participated in the [Schaumburg Public Safety Open House](#). Many members of SARC and the Schaumburg Emergency Radio Team attended to show their support.

Special thanks go to **Dennis (KD9IK)**, **Barry (K9FMB)**, **Rob (N9MVO)**, and **Cliff (K9QD)** for their efforts to setup and man the booth.

Thanks also to **Dirk (W0RI)**, **Jim (KC9UFB)** and **Charlene (K9CMZ)** supporting the effort and helping to share ham radio with the citizens of Schaumburg.



Radio Programming Files

Robert W9RKK has provided two sets of files for programming the Yaesu FTM-300DR and Yaesu FT3-DR radios with local repeaters. He has graciously included both instructions with screenshots and the files to load to the radio. They can be found on the menu under Ham Resources - > [Radio Programming Files](#).

Any other club members who would like to provide programming files for different radios to be posted on the web site please send them along using the “Submit an Article or Event” at the bottom of this web page.

Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting October 21st, 2021

Business Meeting Oct 21, 2021

Danny Kafka KD9HIL Vice President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendees:

Danny Kafka KD9HIL	Charlene Treve K9CMZ	John Douglas KD9KSH
Tim Smiri KC9NMW	Barry Friedman K9FMB	Leo Ribordy N9NBH
John Scrip N9IJS	Cliff Sowka K9QD	Bill McGovern W9WEM
Burt Schultz AB9CV	Robert Kocourek W9RKK	Bob Zuttermeister W9GEW
Don Froula K9CLF	Don Dewar KD9NJR	Bob Benwitz N9JAX
Brent Kaser WB9UXN	Steve Karson AC9EM	Joe Barela KB9RCR
Terry Jarnholm AE9TJ	Rob Glowacki N9MVO	John Shofield AC9JS
Scott Petersen N9SLA	Steve Karson AC9EM	Michael Kondratowicz KD9TKL
Sid KD9OLJ	Paul Burkett KD9FMW	

Secretary's Report:

Cliff Sowka K9QD: Burt Schultz moved to approve the September Minutes as published in the Radio Hill Gazette (RHG). Leo Ribordy N9NBH seconded. So Moved.

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Treasurer's Report:

John Zietlow K9WIC, not present, provided this report:

Petty Cash	\$ 131.20
Pay Pal (<i>waiting to be transferred</i>)	\$ 80.07
Account Balance as of September 1 st	\$ 7,910.19
Income	\$ 0
Expenditures Repeater data line & Zoom annual membership	\$ 279.49
Account Balance as of October 1st	\$ 7,605.70

Available Funds

\$ 7,816.97

Current membership: 112

Burt Schultz AB9CV moved to Approve, Rob Glowacki N9MVO seconded. So Moved.

Public Service:

Rob Glowacki N9MVO reviewed several of our past public service efforts. Bob Zuttermeister W9GEW provided a report on the Chicago Marathon last week and the ~130+ Ham Operators who were an important resource for this large event. Bill Riess KW9WR (not present) had previously explained there would be a background check and registration process for applicants to complete before assignments were finalized.

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EMCOMM:

John Zietlow K9WIC not present.

Repeaters:

Rob Glowacki N9MVO and Terry Jarnholm AE9TJ Repeater Committee: both 2M and 70cM systems performing well. Possible linear amplifier upgrade for the 70cM system is being considered. Near-term migration away from ATT's DSL data line to another copper-wire DSL provider is expected to occur shortly.

Construction Project (CP):

Don Dewar KD9NJR and Rob Glowacki N9MVO explained our CP events to new members. Bring your equipment for calibration, repair, and programming. Coffee and pastry are usually somewhat okay but the solder smoke is wonderful. BTW: Don has provided 6-foot-long tongs for donut retrieval (meets the present iteration of minimum social distancing requirements) at the-ready for those who wish to practice safe conduct in public.

VE Testing:

Steve Karson AC9EM and John Shofield AC9JS discussed the recent declining trend in student candidate testing demand. We've observed only one candidate for some of our testing sessions this year.

Participating Volunteer Examiners (VEs):

Bill	Davies	K9WKD
Steve	Karson	AC9EM
Ed	Lishka	AC9SD
John	Schofield	AC9JS

Nets:

Barry K9FMB Net Chairman reported he is looking for a list of alternative hosts for the first Tuesday of a month.

Radio Hill Gazette RHG:

Mike K9KMV No Report.

Recurring Calendar:

Absentee Ballots for the November Election will be mailed this week with SASE that needs to be returned to our PO Box in time for receipt before the Third Week of November.

Membership:

Darryl Jenks KB9RHR has requested leave and we're looking to find someone to carry this important role.

Publicity:

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Dennis C. Calvey KD9HIK Publicity Chair not present.

Social:

John KD9KSH is researching potential venues for our annual event this coming January.

Education:

Leo N9NBH has obtained confirmation with the Hoffman Estates Library and reports plans for a 10-week Technician course to begin January 8th, 2022. Leo has received offers of several volunteer instructors. Class will be from 10:30AM to 12:30PM.

Separately, CW education utilizing the Long Island CW Club resource is underway. Members wishing to join the classes are to contact G4FON Long Island CW Club.

Programs:

Robert W9RKK and Cliff K9QD presented a brief demonstration on Standing Waves. We are in need of a presenter for our November Business Meeting to facilitate the idle time experienced during vote-counting.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

New Logo

John Scrip N9IJS has been keeping the membership abreast of his graphic design efforts through the use of SARC-ALL to potentially update our 'Official Logo'. After receiving much commentary and performing some of our member's suggested edits, John published several improvements. Additionally, Bob Zuttermeister W9GEW took it upon himself to display a few Logo examples applied to some trinkets tonight utilizing John's most recent edit.

- Steve Karson AC9EM moved to retire the two SARC ‘Official Logos’ and replace the club’s Logo with John Scrip’s design. Leo Ribordy N9NBH seconded. So Moved.

Once the artwork is officially received, I will update the Letterhead used for Meeting Minutes and our website will be updated as well.

Adjourn:

8:34 PM.

Submitted October 22, 2021. Cliff Sowka K9QD Secretary

ADDENDUM

Sample Ballot

Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club

General Election

November 2021

Club Officers and Board of Directors

Bylaw Change: Fiscal Year

All Offices -1 Year term

Board of Directors-3 year terms

Vote for One

Vote for two

President

John Zietlow K9WIC

Chuck Bolvin K9RPL

Mason Trimble K9TIV

Paul Burkett KD9FMN

Geoff Stevens KD9QGH

Bill Reiss KW9WR

Russ Schmidt KC9NUV

Burt Schultz AB9CV

John Shofield AC9JS

Vice President

Danny Kafka KD9HIL

Special Recognition Awards

On Hiatus for this cycle

Treasurer

Barry Friedman K9FMB

Chris Brewer AC9GN

Secretary

Cliff Sowka K9QD

Bylaw Change:

Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club Fiscal Year shall be July 1st to June 30th

Yes

No

