



RHG February 2022 Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting February 2nd, 2022

Board of Directors Meeting Feb 2, 2022

Ed Lishka AC9SD Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Virtual Attendees

Ed Lishka AC9SD	Dennis C. Calvey KD9HIK	John Douglas KD9KSH
John Zietlow K9WIC	John Shofield AC9JS	Barry Friedman K9FMB
Danny Kafka KD9HIL	Cliff Sowka K9QD	Robert Kocourek W9RKK
Rob Glowacki N9MVO	Charlene Treve K9CMZ	

Secretary's Report

Cliff Sowka K9QD: John Shofield AC9JS moved to approve the January BOD Minutes as published in the RHG. Dennis C. Calvey seconded. So Moved.

Treasurer's Report:

Barry Friedman K9FMB provides the following report:

Month:	February
Bank Balance 1-Jan	\$6,804.69
INCOME MEMO	\$ 0.00
DISBURSEMENTS MEMO	\$ 0.00
Checks Outstanding	\$ 0.00
Deposit not included	\$ 0.00

Account Balance	\$6,804.69
31-Jan Bank Statement	\$6,804.69
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+ petty cash Funds Available	\$7,030.25

117 members on roster

Club Executives discussed BMO Harris branch visit for checking account signature card update and determined they would target February 18th.

Public Service

Rob Glowacki N9MVO reported MS Walk is May 1st. We can expect to be informed soon if our radio services will be requested for the event as in the past.

EMCOMM

John Zietlow K9WIC reports we can expect communications with the village to activate shortly in possible preparation for the ChicagoLand Marathon scheduled for May 15th.

Repeaters

Rob Glowacki N9MVO reported the Repeater Committee will plan to bench the 440 Amp and Duplexer during a near-future Construction Project meeting to make any adjustments needed.

Construction Project (CP)

Rob Glowacki N9MVO published a SARC-ALL email to enlist ideas for CP since we have several more meetings before the end of April. Some interest has already been received from members via SARC-ALL regarding potential projects:

Pierre Berube K9EYE suggests a small QRP-size key made from wood or plastic, a paper clip, and the line to the transceiver using broken ear buds so it will fit inside a plastic soap container. Additionally a switchable mic box, one mic to

switch between two transceivers. Also an RF frequency counter, that is audible, w/ a speech synthesizer, if that cannot be used we could come up with a raspberry pie system for a portable talking frequency counter.

Romel Aranas KD9MDM suggests a field strength meter. He made one to measure RF on the outside of coax using a toroid and a few common electronic components. Romel explains it would be cool to build one that can measure the field of an antenna. Another useful tool would be an RF tap/directional coupler for measuring RF output on the coax feed.

Roberto WA9E responded that there seems to be interest in a 220 antenna of any type on several NET discussions. This would be a simple project. Roberto dropped off several black light kits to CP. He has several more boxes of parts and is waiting for warmer weather and space in the project area before he brings them over to CP.

CP Meeting Room Restrictions remain in place at the moment: neither food nor drink will be allowed to be served in the building for the immediate future. Attendees are welcome to bring their own coffee but SARC is not allowed to offer any sponsored refreshments due to the current virus situation.

VE Testing

John Shofield AC9JS reported a candidate for February now plans to prepare for the next session scheduled for March 5th. Reminder from last report that Legacy walk-ins were allowed to present themselves for testing in the past but the new FCC VE Testing requirements of FRN-Number registration make things a bit more cumbersome. Candidates will be given instructions ahead of time to help them prepare for VE session admission.

Nets

Barry Friedman K9FMB reports Nets continue to be well attended.

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Mike K9KMV No Report.

Membership

We're in need of a Membership Chair.

Publicity

Dennis C. Calvey KD9HIK Publicity Chairman suggested SARC explore the possibility of renewed participation in Social Media platforms. He discussed the benefits and liabilities of engagement. It was decided to publish an inquiry via SARC-ALL to determine what resources we have within the membership to help us define a possible re- entry and craft procedures for managing a club presence.

Social

John Douglas KD9KSH said we will plan for a summer picnic. Site reservation will be investigated. For the February Business Meeting, John will conduct a Raffle to select two club members who will win free annual dues as a reward for their past NET Participation.

Education

Leo N9NBH not present.

Programs

John Zietlow K9WIC has arranged for an ARRL speaker to attend via ZOOM during our February Business Meeting to update us on ARRL activities. For an April presentation, we may have several short videos presented to display some of our club member's stations.

Old Business

Barry Friedman K9FMB presented Don Dewar's KD9NJR suggested QSL card to be mailed to non-member NET attendees. Board of Directors approved launch of the program tonight. It is requested that a SARC-ALL communication be conducted by the Membership Committee (not staffed at the moment) to ask for administration, printing, postage-budgeting ideas.

New Business

Barry Friedman K9FMB requests assistance in setting our Annual Budget as we approach the month of July for the new Fiscal Year. We'll need Committees to provide their annual budget requests to the Board of Directors to help in the financial planning process. John Zietlow K9WIC reminded the Board that we are currently deficit-spending and the next several months aren't really budgeted properly because of the Fiscal Year Change voted in November.

Cliff K9QD is currently listed with the State of Illinois as Registered Agent for SARC's Corporate Annual Report. It is planned that Barry will receive this year's report in order to move this duty to Treasurer. State paperwork is expected to be transferred this coming Saturday at Maxfield's.

Discussion regarding our current Liability Insurance: we're in need of updating riders for the Village and Park District. The free-rental agreement for Construction Project space in the Tennis Club's basement needs to be renewed and they'll also need a valid insurance rider for the next rental term. Maybe Summer can assist Dennis C. Calvey KD9HIK in obtaining proper management introductions to complete the process with the Park District. Insurance coverage for possible Field Day to be hosted at Public Works on Plum Grove will also need updating before we apply for permit. Danny Kafka's KD9HIL previous Field Day Insurance traffic was found in the archive and published to the Board for reference in this year's renewal effort.

Adjourn

8:19PM.

Submitted February 3, 2022 Cliff Sowka K9QD Secretary

ARRL Illinois Section Manager to Present at February Club Meeting

Thomas Beebe, W9RY, is the Illinois Section Manager. He will be joining us via Zoom at the next club meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2022. The meeting will be hybrid and take place in person and via Zoom.

He was originally licensed as WN9QXW over 56 years ago. He is an active member of most of the amateur radio clubs in the southern part of the state as well as being active in ARES and the National Traffic System. In addition to serving as the Illinois Section Manager he holds appointments as an Official Emergency Station, ARRL licensed instructor, ARRL Field Instructor, Volunteer Examiner, Volunteer Examiner Liaison, and AUXCOMM operator. He is also Intro to AUXCOMM instructor, MARS operator and NWS Skywarn spotter.

He holds a PhD and is a retired university administrator as well as a past corporate CEO. He is also a strong proponent of recruiting young people to the radio hobby and frequently talks with young people about amateur radio.

In his spare time he enjoys operating CW on an Icom 718, a FT857 for NTS messages and tinkering with technology. He runs a Raspberry Pi (single board computer) powered 2 meter Winlink Illinois Digital Emergency Network gateway on 145.610 MHz as part of ARES and his PSK, RTTY, Olivia, ARDOP, and VARA modes run on other Raspberry Pi's connected to a TS-50 and FT-857.

Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting February 17, 2022

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John Zietlow K9WIC President called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Attendees:

John Zietlow K9WIC

Barry Friedman K9FMB

Cliff Sowka K9QD

Virtual Participants:

Daryl Jenks KD9RHR

Charlene Treve K9CMZ

John Shofield AC9JS

Ed Lishka AC9SD

Robert Kocourek W9RKK

Leo Ribordy N9NBH

Rob Glowacki N9MVO

Steve Karson AC9EM

Brent Kaser WB9UXN

Joe Barela KB9RCR

John Douglas KD9KSH

Pierre Berube K9EYE

Doug W9YFC

Thom Beebe W9RY

Rob Glowacki N9MVO

Dennis C. Calvey KD9HIK

Bob W9DXR

Russ Schmidt KC9NUV

Danny Kafka KD9HIL

Kevin KB9QVX

Don Dewar KD9NJR

Doug Hansen WE9O

Jim Campbell KB9RGU

Secretary's Report:

Cliff Sowka K9QD: Danny Kafka KD9HIL moved to approve the January Minutes as published in the Radio Hill Gazette (RHG) once John Zietlow's K9WIC objection to the erroneous Construction Project minutes were corrected from January to February. Ed Lishka AC9SD seconded. So Moved.

Treasurer's Report:

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Ed Lishka AC9SD moved to approve, Leo Ribordy N9NBH seconded. So Moved.

Public Service:

Rob Glowacki N9MVO notified MS Walk will take place at Harper College Sunday May 1st. We have initiated our offer to support the event and will expect to hear response shortly.

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EMCOMM:

John Zietlow K9WIC reported scheduled event May 15th with details to follow.

Repeaters:

Rob Glowacki N9MVO will plan to move our Wires-X machine to the pump house and bench our 440 equipment during a future Construction Project to perform receiver de-sense analysis and calibration if needed.

Construction Project (CP):

Don Dewar KD9NJR has been hosting our CP events and Bob Zuttermeister W9GEW has now offered (as mentioned during our most recent event) he is willing to Chair CP once he can convince additional members to provide support.

VE Testing:

John Shofield AC9JS reported there is currently one candidate scheduled for the next session March 5th.

Nets:

Barry K9FMB Net Chairman reported our Nets continue to be well attended and we're still requiring a permanent host for the second Tuesday of the month.

Radio Hill Gazette RHG:

Mike K9KMV No Report.

Recurring Calendar:

No action items other than need for Radio Hill Gazette (RHG) articles are submitted to Mike K9KMV.

Membership:

No report.

Publicity:

Dennis C. Calvey KD9HIK Publicity Chair has received support from our membership in helping us establish a Social Media presence. Planning will include content, administration, and Board Approval procedure for media postings.

Social:

John KD9KSH wished to express thanx to Barry Friedman W9FMB for consolidating our memberships' NET attendance. Drawing held for two winners and resulting 1-Year paid Membership is awarded to:

- Mike Griffiths K9KMV

- Charlene Treve K9CMZ

Education:

Leo N9NBH discussed potential for course offering in September.

Programs:

Program tonight was presented virtually by ARRL Section Manager Thom Beebe W9RY. Thom reviewed current events within ARRL, FCC, industry equipment offerings, and entertained several questions from our membership. He additionally noted the ARRL Board approved a special Lifetime Membership rate for Hams over 70-years old with details to become known once the Board has finished program details.

John Zietlow K9WIC mentioned plans for April's Presentation will be a Round-Table discussion regarding shack equipment/operations. May will feature photos and/or videos of several members' installations.

Old Business:

Don Dewar's KD9NJR QSL program for non-member NET attendee acknowledgement was previously approved and organization efforts are now underway.

New Business:

Special Events committee has potential initiation with Dirk Smith's W0RI guidance. Items such as special Forest Preserve reservations and extra events not covered by regular committee management will be administered by this new committee.

Adjourn: 7:45PM.

Submitted February 18, 2022. Cliff Sowka K9QD Secretary

February Construction Project

Thank you to club member **Robert W9RKK** for sending in a photo of a well attended **Construction Project** meeting this month.

