



## Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club

### Board Meeting

**March 4, 2026**

*My thanks to Cliff Sowka, K9QD who took notes at this board meeting in my absence*

**Board Chairman Bill McGovern W9WEM, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM**

**Attendees**

<b>Don Dewar KD9NJR</b>	<b>Bill McGovern W9WEM</b>	<b>Paul Burkett, KD9FMN</b>
<b>Cliff Sowka K9QD</b>	<b>Dennis Calvey KD9HIK</b>	<b>Danny Kafka KD9HIL</b>
<b>Bob Benwitz N9JAX</b>	<b>Bob McIntyre, W9DXR</b>	

### **Secretary Report - Howard Mitchell KD9WSV**

(Howard absent) February BOD Minutes as published by Howard Mitchell KD9WSV. Paul Burkett KD9FMN moved to approve and Bob Benwitz seconded. Motion Adopted

### **Treasurer's Report - Chris Brewer AC9GN**

Chris not present. Monthly report will be added upon receipt.

### **Field Day Committee, Danny Kafka KD9HIL**

Danny reports St. Peter's Church on Schaumburg Road has approved engagement for SARC's Field Day event this June. Discussion regarding site survey, audio system interferrance, visitor/attendee supervision, insurance rider, and contract execution. Additionally plans for near-term impromptu visits beforehand are now set.

### **Construction Project, Cliff Sowka K9QD**

CP has 4 sessions remaining for this current season and SARC-in-the-Park will resume in May.

### **EmComm, Howard Mitchell KD9WSV, Chairman**

No Report

## **Radio Hill Gazette (RHG) - Eliot Libner N9EPA Editor**

No report

## **Publicity - Dennis Calvey KD9HIK, Chairman**

Facebook: 219 followers.

Posted brief article about EmComm presentation at last Club Meeting  
Reposted Kirk Musselman's (K9MSG) graphics about New Ham Net

Tom O'Boyle (N9GUN) has agreed to take the lead on the STEM Fair at Anne Fox Elementary School STEM fair (Thursday April 30th). Given the high noise level and challenging RF environment, we may elect to not try two way RF communications. The only way it might work is if we have an outside antenna and headphones for user demonstration.

As we did at the Village of Schaumburg Public Safety Day, Rob Benwitz (N9JAX) will be doing his "Morse Code Magician" presentation, and I'll be printing Certificates of Achievement with participants' names in English and Morse Code. Asked Kirk Musselman (K9MSG) for some suggestions about highlighting Amateur Radio that we could have pre-printed on the reverse side.

Suggested that participants from SARC wear an Emergency Communications vest.

Request for Letter of Authorization to AT&T from SARC to allow Howard Mitchell (KD9WSV) & Dennis to meet with AT&T at a local company store and try to get access to and control of the account. Chris Brewer (AC9GN) has provided a copy of our bank statement to prove that SARC owns the account and pays the bill, but the bank statement does not provide any account information. Howard Mitchell and Dennis will be meeting with the Village of Schaumburg (VoS) Department of Engineering and Public Works 3/5 with the following messages: (*note, results of meeting added in italics*)

1. Thanks very much for your support in the past allowing SARC to operate Field Day at the Plum Grove site. Because of valid security concerns, SARC will be moving Field Day to another site.
2. We have been told by St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School that we do not need a permit to operate Field Day there. We'll try to get confirmation from the VoS.
2. Brief presentation about repeater equipment installed at Small Drive and Plum Grove. Topics include EmComm, Public Service and who / how to contact SARC if they need to.
3. Discussion about why we have to have access to the site (FCC rules, service / maintenance / upgrades) and the recent installation of a remote reset for Small Drive that would reduce the possibility of having to request access on short notice. Plum Grove remote reset to be installed soon.
4. If circumstances allow, we may ask about moving SARC equipment stored at Plum Grove site to another VoS location. *(This issue was discussed and the public works individuals indicated no concern with our plans. Tracy Raimondo, Emergency Management and Accreditation Manager will investigate other potential Village properties where we might store the equipment )*
4. We hope to also get an update on construction at the new Village Hall, SeptemberFest, and if the SeptemberFest EOC will be in the Prairie Art Center or the new Village Hall.

## **Repeaters Rob Glowacki, N9MVO**

Rob not present

Remote control capability for power reset is installed and successfully enabled at Small Drive. Plum Grove location will be next.

## **VE Testing- William Davies, K9WKD Chair**

No Report

## **Youth Engagement, Kirk Musselman, K9MSG Chair**

No report

## **Nets- Don Dewar, KD9NJR**

No report

## **Education - Leo Ribordy, N9NBH**

No report

## **Programs- Don Dewar, KD9NJR**

No report

## **Old Business**

Cliff Sowka K9QD; We need to address the storage issue at the pump house before it becomes a problem.

## **New Business**

Dennis KD9HIK is working on AT&T DSL account access (Small Drive) and requested BOD author a letter to AT&T that he will present in-person at a local storefront. Bob McIntire moved and Bob Benwitz seconded. Motion Adopted.

There appears to be a surplus 2M Fusion Repeater available in the local area. We will inquire if the station includes Duplexer. Potential spares maybe prudent even if we have to pay for the equipment.

Discussion regarding next year's Holiday Party: we may need to consider a larger facility but Pollyanna's has been a very fine venue. Going forward, the Board will clarify appropriate attendance guidelines.

Wheaton Community Communications Trailer may be available to new hosting organization.

Don requested budget to purchase a new HDMI cable Bill seconded. Motion Carried.

## **Meeting Adjourned 8:34 PM**

Cliff Sowka K9QD substitute Secretary for Howard Mitchell KD9WSV

**Submitted March 9, 2026,**

**Howard Mitchell KD9WSV, Secretary**