



Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club

Board Meeting

April 1, 2026

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

Attendees

Don Dewar KD9NJR	Bill McGovern W9WEM	Paul Burkett KD9FMN
Cliff Sowka K9QD	Howard Mitchell KD9WSV	Danny Kafka KD9HIL
Paul Meyers KE9EJX	Bob McIntyre W9DXR	Dennis Calvey KD9HIK
	John Douglas KD9KSH	

Secretary Report - Howard Mitchell KD9WSV

March BOD Minutes as published by Howard Mitchell KD9WSV. **Don Dewar KD9NJR** moved to approve and Paul Burkett KD9FMN seconded. Motion Adopted

Howard applied for renewal of ARRL Special Service Award status for SARC.

Treasurer's Report - Chris Brewer AC9GN

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

Field Day Committee, Danny Kafka KD9HIL

Danny reported testing was conducted to determine any potential interference of RF transmissions with St. Peter's Church's audio systems and no problems were found. As a result, the contract was signed and a check, required to reserve the area for 2026 field day, was given to St. Peters.

Danny indicated that Paul Bocci, K9NO has volunteered to be the antenna chair for Field Day coordinating all those activities. Also, she will be shortly compiling a list of everything needed for field day

Construction Project, Cliff Sowka K9QD

There are only two sessions remaining for the construction project this season. By all measures it was an excellent activity beginning to end. On May 9th, the first SARC in the PARK will be held.

EmComm, Howard Mitchell KD9WSV, Chairman

No Report

Radio Hill Gazette (RHG) - Eliot Libner N9EPA Editor

Eliot not present: No report

Publicity - Dennis Calvey KD9HIK, Chairman

Facebook: 222 followers. Dennis indicated a graphic supplied by Kirk Musselman K9MSG regarding the weekly New HAM NET, was added to Facebook as was an article about the recent EmComm SATERN presentation at the March SARC meeting

Website - Paul Meyers KE9EJX Chairman

Paul has really spent a lot of time looking at the structure of our website. Over a period of time he is planning to make changes both simplifying the content and making the organization of the information easier to access.

Repeaters - Rob Glowacki, N9MVO Chairman

Rob not present – no report

Howard Mitchell KD9WSV indicated the repeater team is targeting April 10th for the installation of the DTMF power recycling unit at the Plum Grove Repeater. Remote control capability is installed and successfully enabled at Small Drive.

Howard also reported that he and Kent Ochs, W9KAO visited one of the AT&T office sites and were able to get the account number covering the DSL service at the small drive repeater site. Additionally, per Kent's request, the name on the account was changed to Howard's.

VE Testing- William Davies, K9WKD Chair

No Report

Youth Engagement, Kirk Musselman, K9MSG Chair

No report

Nets- Don Dewar, KD9NJR

Attendance at all of our Nets continues to be very good. As always we are in need of additional net control operators to volunteer.

Education - Leo Ribordy, N9NBH

Not present-No report

Programs- Don Dewar, KD9NJR

Over the next several months there will likely be discussions regarding all activities related to Field Day

Old Business

No issues discussed

New Business

Addressing the storage issue at the Plum Grove repeater site, it was decided that everything in storage there would be removed in preparation for field day and sorted for items we no longer need. After field day, those remaining items will be stored in the basement of the Schaumburg Tennis Plus facility. Cliff Sowka K9QD will coordinate this activity

Discussion regarding next year's Holiday Party: Pollyanna's will again be reserved by John Douglas. Going forward, the Board will clarify and document appropriate attendance guidelines.

John will also reserve the Log Cabin in Bartlett for a summer picnic. The board approved the funds necessary to reserve a date.

Meeting Adjourned 8:48 PM

**Submitted April 5, 2026,
Howard Mitchell KD9WSV, Secretary**