



Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club

Board Meeting

September 2, 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	Eliot Libner, N9EPA
Robert Benwitz N9JAX	John Douglas KD9KSH	Glenn Lubin, KE9EJV
Dennis Calvey KD9HIK	Kirk Musselman K9MSG	

Secretary Report - Howard Mitchell KD9WSV

August BOD Minutes as published by Howard Mitchell KD9WSV.

Motion proposed:

Paul Burkett KD9FMN moved to approve the minutes and Robert Benwitz N9JAX seconded. Motion adopted after unanimous approval by the board.

Howard was asked the current status of planning for the upcoming election. He presented a brief summary. He will be publishing detailed election information in October for our Annual meeting including election of officers , vacancies on the Board and voting for the Member of the Year.

Treasurer's Report - Chris Brewer AC9GN

Chris Brewer, AC9GN was not present but did send a financial report which is below.

SCHAUMBURG AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MONTHLY REPORT

Month: August 2026

Checkbook Balance 07/31/26 **\$16,713.85**

INCOME

Zelle deposits	08/xx/26	\$55.00 Dues (2, summarized)
Zelle deposits	08/xx/26	\$495.00 Ltng det kits (9)
Teller deposit	08/07/26	\$25.00 Dues
Teller deposit	08/07/26	\$55.00 Ltng det kits
Teller deposit	08/27/26	\$30.00 Dues
Teller deposit	08/27/26	\$220.00 Ltng det kits (4)

MEMO

\$880.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Check #1415	08/06/26	\$1,457.31 Ltng det parts
ACH	08/10/26	\$88.99 ATT
Check #1410	08/24/26	\$432.76 FD trailer & food
Check #1416	08/26/26	\$143.00 Repeater pwr supply
Check #1414	08/31/26	\$750.00 Holiday party deposit

MEMO

\$2,872.06

08/31/26	Account Balance	\$14,721.79
08/31/26	Bank Statement	\$14,721.79

Pending Payments

MEMO

-\$15.00

-\$15.00 (3) BB \$5 overcharges

08/31/26	Adjusted balance	\$14,706.79
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Petty Cash

Original balance	07/31/26	\$100.00
New Balance	08/31/26	

MEMO

\$100.00

08/31/26	Funds Available	\$14,806.79
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112 members on roster

Construction Project, Cliff Sowka K9QD

Cliff is getting ready for the fall season opening of the construction project . He is open to any ideas on projects for the coming year.

Publicity Dennis Calvey Chairman

Dennis indicated that it he is working on a proposal to b sent to the Village of Schaumburg to get formal recognition of the club's 50th anniversary

EmComm/ Public Service- Howard Mitchell KD9WSV, Chairman

Howard gave an update on planning for Septemberfest. As previously documented, the Village of Schaumburg has once again requested our support for all three days of the event . Our thanks to those who have already volunteered.

SARC Website - Paul Meyers KE9EJX Chairman

Our website continues to improve in terms of appearance and ease of use. Paul is currently working on getting the list of committees and their responsibilities updated Please let Paul know of any additional changes recommended.

Social Events - Paul Meyers KE9EJX Chairman

The picnic held on August 30 was well attended. The food was great and leftovers were delivered to a local Fire Department.

As previously documented the site for the club holiday party has been changed to Jo Jo's restaurant, 1935 W Golf Rd, Schaumburg. This site will offer additional parking, an enhanced menu, and essentially we will have the restaurant dedicated to our club. Club members will be asked to pay \$10 per

person to cover just a small portion portion of the expenses. Each club member may invite **one** guest and pay an additional \$10. Anyone wishing to bring more than one guest will be charged \$25 per extra person.

Repeaters - Rob Glowacki, N9MVO Chairman

Rob not present.

Howard Mitchell KD9WSV presented a status on the 2M repeater problems. It appears the DSL functionality provided by AT&T is not operational which impacts Echolink and AllStar. He contacted AT&T and they ran a real time test also indicating the DSL was not operational and that a service representative would need to visit the site to determine the problem. The earliest date AT&T would supply for that site visit is September 21st. Howard will contact Schaumburg Public Works Department to arrange for site access on the morning of the 21st.

There was a additional discussion about replacing the amplifier which is indicating it is operating at less than high power. The company who supplied the original amplifier is still in business locally. Paul Burkett KD9FMN, contacted the company which can build a replacement amplifier after we contract with them . It is estimated that a new amplifier would be available in approximately six weeks.

Motion proposed: The board chairman Bill McGovern W9WEM moved that up to \$2500 be approved for the purchase of the replacement amplifier. The motion was seconded by Paul Burkett KD9FMN, a vote was taken and and the motion was adopted. .

Youth Engagement, Kirk Musselman, K9MSG Chair

Kirk reported status at the meeting including that thus far a total of 108 scouts participated in the demos in 2026. The largest scouting demo was held on September 1st with a group from Schaumburg. He is also already getting potential requests for activities next spring and summer. Overall this was a tremendous success thanks to Kirks leadership.

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

Leo not present. Training for the Extra Class license is still planned to begin in September and Leo continues to need trainers to volunteer.

Programs- Don Dewar, KD9NJR

Programs will likely focus on the upcoming elections and vacant positions that will need to be filled. (note that at the coming elections, ALL officer positions and two Board positions will be on the ballot.) Don will again release descriptions of the positions and responsibilities. We welcome all members, who qualify, to submit their name to be on the ballot for these positions.

Don indicated that 3 of the 4 club officer positions including President , Treasurer and Secretary will be looking for new candidates as all three of members currently in those positions have indicated they will not be running for those offices in the upcoming election.

Old Business

- There was discussion about the status to have hats, shirts or safety vests with the SARC emblem made available for purchase by members. Eliot Libner, N9EPA, who has been coordinating this activity had a shirt sample made up of the preferred logo and content. A web site will be set up by the chosen vendor giving individual members the opportunity to choose what they desire and pay directly so the club is not involved with the financial transaction. Delivery would likely be within a week or two once that transaction is completed.
- We were reminded that 2027 budget planning will be initiated shortly.

New Business

- A brief discussion took place regarding how to improve the audio component of Zoom at Business Meetings as those participating remotely are not able to hear most of the discussion. Kirk Musselman K9MSG, will investigate adding a second microphone to hopefully pick up comments by the members in attendance.

Meeting Adjourned 8:33 PM

**Submitted September 13, 2026,
Howard Mitchell KD9WSV, Secretary**