Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club

Board Meeting

November 4, 2026

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

Attendees

Don Dewar KD9NJR	Bill McGovern, W9WEM	Bob McIntyre W9DXR
Chris Brewer, AC9GN	Howard Mitchell KD9WSV	Danny Kafka KD9HIL
Paul Meyers KE9EJX	Dennis Calvey KD9HIK	Cliff Sowka K9QD
Richard France, N9PAN	Robert Benwitz, N9JAX	Glenn Lubin, KE9EJV
Peter Schaak, N9SCH		

Secretary Report - Howard Mitchell KD9WSV

October BOD Minutes as published by Howard Mitchell KD9WSV were reviewed.

Motion proposed:

Danny Kafka KD9HIL moved to approve the minutes and Bill McGovern, W9WEM seconded. Motion adopted after unanimous approval by the board.

Treasurer's Report - Chris Brewer AC9GN

Chris Brewer, AC9GN presented the status as of end of October (data will be added upon receipt of an update from Chris). Chris plans to visit BMO Harris bank to get a fradulent check against our account removed.

Motion proposed:

Danny Kafka KD9HIL moved to approve the financial report and Paul Meyers KE9EJX seconded. Motion adopted after unanimous approval by the board.

Construction Project, Cliff Sowka K9QD

The ADX QRP transceiver project proposed by Hermann Wagner, AJ4ZS is in final planning status. After dicussion by the Board, Cliff will work with Hermann to finalize resources needed to bring the project forward. A final list of those committing to the project, including all costs per unit, will also be worked. Any costs required by the club will need to be approved by the Board.

Served Agency Liaison, Dennis Calvey Chairman

Several Officers attended the Village Board Meeting on Tuesday October 27th, 07:00 PM for the presentation of a proclamation honoring SARC's 50th Anniversary.



Dennsis haswritten to the Schaumburg Park District asking for continuation in 2027 of the facilities currrently made available to SARC. Including:

-**Board of Directors Meetings**, Community Recreation Center - First Wednesday of each month, 07:00 PM. Head table with seating for six, classroom seating for 15
-**Club Meetings**, Community Recreation Center,Community Recreation Center, Third Thursday of each month, 07:00 PM. Head table with seating for six, classroom seating for 30. Meeting room with wall mounted monitor.
-**Volunteer Examination Session**, Community Recreation Center, First Saturday of each month.
- **SARC in the Park**, Bocce Court and Pavilion at Community Recreation Center, 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month starting in May, ending 2nd Saturday in September
- **Construction Project**, basement of Tennis Plus, 2nd and 4ryth Saturday of each month, starting 4th Saturday of September, ending 4th Saturday of April

EmComm/ Public Service- Howard Mitchell KD9WSV, Chairman

Howard reported on his participation at a Village of Schaumburg SET simulating a Cargo Plane crash in the area. A substancial number of Village employees participated in this day long, well run, realistic simulation.

Chairman McGovern recognized the request by Howard for a budget item of about $200 to cover costs to buy plain yellow caps for the volunteers at upcoming Septemberfests. This is in response to a suggestion made after our current engagement to help us more easily locate our volunteers due to the incredibly large crowds. It is hoped that this proposal could aid locating our volunteers when the need arises.

SARC Website - Paul Meyers KE9EJX Chairman

Our website continues to improve in terms of appearance and ease of use. Paul has updated the list of committees and their responsibilities. Paul appreciates the number of comments and suggestions made for web improvement. He has completed this round of enhancements and will now turn his attention to other areas .

Social Events - Paul Meyers KE9EJX Chairman

Planning continues for the annual holiday party to be held at Jojos.

Repeaters - Rob Glowacki, Chairman

Rob not present. Richard France, N9PAN reported the successful replacment of the PI power unit at the Small Drive site and initiated a discussion regarding the replacement of 8 battery cells which are part of the 2M repeater UPS.

Motion proposed: Fund the replacement of all 8 of the UPS battery cells at a cost not to exceed $400. Danny Kafka KD9HIL moved to approve and Howard Mitchell, KD9WSV seconded. Motion voted on and adopted by the Board.

Considerable discussion continued regarding the need to have a way to capture real time data from the 2M repeater site to allow us to better understand any failures and recovery actions needed. Two proposals have been suggested and further discussion by the repeater committee will be required to propose the best course of action to the Board.

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.** Please contact any board member if you'd like additional information.

Education - Leo Ribordy, N9NBH

Leo not present. Training for the Extra Class license continues.

Old Business

A proposal by Eliot Libner, N9EPA regarding his supplier adding hats and name badges to the options available for purchase by SARC members, has been previously approved by the board. Chairman McGovern will contact Eliot to confirm this approval.

A discussion about the 2026-2027 budget included the fact that SARC's predictable costs (including fixed costs incurred on a yearly basis, plus repeater repairs, plus club contributions to cover incurred costs at field day, the holiday party, etc) **exceed** the revenue taken in from membership fees. The favorable financial position we find ourselves in at this time is due to several silent key auctions which, of course, cannot be counted on in the future. After the upcoming elections, the board will have to make decisions regarding how to address this predictable problem.

New Business

No new business proposed .

Meeting Adjourned 8:50 PM

Submitted November 8, 2026,
Howard Mitchell KD9WSV, Secretary