

Hi Everyone,

The DARC Meeting Minutes 1/31/2021

Called to order . . .

The January 30, 2021 DARC meeting was called to order by DARC President Rick NØBJN at 15:00 with 14 Members present. The Meeting was held over the air in the DARC Room 28439 to accommodate DARC Members from Fargo, North Dakota to Alexandria to the Twin Cities. The 14 Members present at 15:00 were DARC President Rick NØBJN Little Falls, Jay KEØOGD Sartell, DARC Treasurer Tom KDØMOM Upsala, Shawne KFØAUW Belgrade, Jerry KFØAUV Belgrade, DARC Vice President Rick WUØS Little Falls, Jan KCØQAL Upsala, New DARC Member Kevin KBØNMN Foley, Wayne WBØKUG Carlos, (North of Alexandria), Dean NYØI Paynesville, Dave KGØCV HT, (checked out @ 16:08), Shannon NØANC St Augusta, KDØYKA Ashley St Augusta, John NJØV Sauk Rapids, John KØCQW New London checked in @ 15:30 & Keith KBØULY Carlos checked in @ 16:25. As the Meeting progressed, attendance reached 16 Members present. Dave KGØCV checked out at 16:08 putting our attendance at 15 Members present. A quorum was achieved.

Treasures Report . . .

By DARC Treasurer Tom KDØMOM

DARC Treasurer's Report, 01-30-2021

For calendar year 2020

Beginning Bank Balance: \$3,588.54

Income:

Dues: \$ 140.00

Donations: \$ 250.00

Expenses:

ARRL Insurance: \$ 140.21

Paynesville Electric Bills: \$ 333.51

Ending Bank Balance: \$ 3,504.82

Audited and approved by Kevin KAØWJC

Also:

Tax Filing for 2019: Form N990-N submitted 1/22/2020

Non-Profit Renewal to SoS, MN: submitted 11/23/2020

For January 01, 2021 thru January 30, 2021

Beginning Bank Balance: \$3,504.82

Income:

Dues: \$ 380.00

Donations: \$ 180.00

Expenses:

Paynesville Electric Bills: \$ 28.37

(unpaid; waiting for 6 mo of bills)

Current Balance: \$4,064.82

End of report

Submitted by DARC Treasurer, Tom Kilian, KDØMOM

Motion 2021-001 was made by DARC President Rick NØBJN, to move the Meeting along on the air, to approve the Treasures Report. 14 Yes Votes & Ø No Votes. Motion passed.

Silent Keys . . .

DARC Member Dave NIØW in Clear Lake passed away on 1/25/2021. His funeral was Saturday 1/30/2021. Please see :

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sctimes/obituary.aspx?n=david-j-michalski-cy&pid=197602945>

Bill NØVN, formerly from Osakis passed away 12/23/2020. Bill used to chat with Janet KBØZZN & Brian WØBTS on the Avon 105 repeater. Bill lived in a assisted living facility in Long Prairie for several years. After that he lived in a nursing home in Wadena the last few years.

DARC Meeting Minutes 1/25/2020 . . .

DARC President Rick NØBJN shared with the group that the DARC meeting Minutes from the last Meeting held on 1/25/2020 needs approval. Rick stated they were

published on E-mail probably in February 2020. Rick made Motion 2021-002 to approve the DARC Meeting Minutes as published on E-mail in February 2020. 14 YES Votes & Ø No Votes. Motion passed.

Repeater Status :

Becker 147.345 + FM DCS 172 : Dave KGØCV reported that due to the Corona Virus, the new antenna the DARC purchased for the site will be installed in the spring. DARC Member Woody KBØRRN & Dave will try to visit the site in the spring.

Becker 443.475 + FM DCS 172 or Yaesu Fusion Digital : Rick NØBJN told the group that this repeater is linked to the DARC Room 28439.

Paynesville 145.270 - FM DCS 172 : Rick NØBJN stated it's used with 224.800 - FM for the DARC FM Net on Saturdays at 19:30.

Paynesville 224.800 - FM : Rick NØBJN shared with the group it is used with 145.270 - FM DCS 172 for the DARC FM Net on Saturdays at 19:30 with the NØBJN-L Echolink node 925804.

Paynesville 444.625 + DN : Rick NØBJN said it's linked to the DARC Room 28439 on Yaesu Fusion Digital.

St Cloud 145.190 - DN : Shannon NØANC reported it's usually linked America Link.

It can be linked to other Rooms.

St Cloud 442.150 + DN : Shannon NØANC reported it's usually linked to the MNWIS Room 28439. It can be linked to other Rooms.

Avon 443.650 + DN : It is linked to the DARC Room 28439. It was down for about a week. Dave KGØCV went to the site with Granite City Electronics & restarted the repeater.

St Cloud D-Star repeater 443.850 + : Rick NØBJN started off with selecting 2/13 @ 14:00 with DARC Vice President Rick WUØS, as a day to go to the site to see if they can repair the repeater. D-Star is Linux based software. Troy WØTWK had setup the repeater in 2013 cuz he's quite good with computers & Linux. Troy has moved up the ladder at work into a Area Manager for the East Coast & is no longer able to maintain the St Cloud D-Star repeater. Shannon NØANC stated it has been in disarray for 2 years & 28 days.

Dean NYØI suggested he put his Yaesu Fusion Digital repeater at the site with his amplifier.

DARC President Rick NØBJN then asked each DARC Member who was checked into the

over the air Meeting two questions :

Do you have a D-Star radio ? If we fix the St Cloud D-Star repeater, would you use it ?

Jay KEØOGD Sartell -----	NO -----	NO
Shawne KFØAUV Belgrade ----	NO -----	NO
Jerry KFØAUW Belgrade -----	NO -----	NO
Rick WUØS Little Falls -----	YES -----	NO
Kevin KBØNMN Foley -----	NO -----	NO
Wayne WBØKUG Carlos -----	NO -----	NO
Dean NYØI Paynesville -----	NO -----	NO
Dave KGØCV Cold Spring -----	NO -----	NO
Shannon NØANC St Augusta -	YES -----	NO
John NJØV Sauk Rapids -----	NO -----	NO
John KØCQW New London ----	NO -----	NO
Rick NØBJN Little Falls -----	YES-----	NO

With the huge lack of interest in using the repeater on D-Star if it was fixed, Dean NYØI made **Motion 2021-003** to decommission the St Cloud D-Star repeater & replace

it with Dean's Yaesu Fusion Digital DR2X repeater with his amplifier. DARC Vice

President Rick WUØS seconded the Motion. 15 Yes Votes & Ø No Votes. Motion passed.

Neighboring Club Activities :

Brainerd Radio Club News . . .

Rick NØBJN told the group that the Brainerd Radio Club has started up two Ragchew Nets on Tuesdays & Thursday nights on the Brainerd 147.225 + FM repeater. Any & all stations are welcome. More info about the Brainerd Radio Club can be seen at : <https://brainerdham.org/>

Alexandria Radio Club . . .

Alexandria Radio Club President Wayne WBØKUG reported the Alexandria Radio Club have been having their Meetings on Zoom. Bill KGØDX takes care of it. More info on the Alex Radio Club can be viewed at : <https://www.w0alx.com/>

Fergus Falls Radio Club . . .

Rick NØBJN reported he was contacted by the Fergus Fall Radio Club about joining the DARC Room on Yaesu Fusion Digital. After several E-mails answering their questions, no further E-mails came. Rick went on to tell the group that they contacted him again in January 2020 to go forward with this project. After several E-mails back & forth answering their questions, no more E-mails came. DARC Member Nick NØQXM & Rick will help them if they decide to go forward with the project.

Open Mic :

Jerry KFØAUV had E-mailed Rick NØBJN about putting up a DARC Website. Rick said it was just a big enough decision to let the DARC members decide it. Rick said the DARC needs to be as Democratic as it can be as in By the members & For the Members just as our constitution says. The old DARC Website was put together by the DARC Vice President years ago & has fallen into inactivity for the past year +. Rick then asked the group would anyone oppose a new DARC website ? No one objected to Jerry KFØAUV designing a website & put it on his server. Several domain names were discussed such as the-DARC-Room.com, the-DARC.com, KDØYLG.com, etc. Jerry KFØAUV will do more research on it & report back.

DARC Dues for 2021 are due. If you already paid - Thank You ! !

If not, please print up the attached DARC Club Application 2021 & snail mail it to our DARC Treasurer Tom KDØMOM.

DARC Member Shannon NØANC said this went very well having our first Over the Air Meeting. He suggested maybe doing these Meetings over the air on a monthly basis.

Next Meeting . . .

The next DARC Meeting will be on Saturday 3/13/2021 at 15:00 on the air in the DARC Room 28439 on Yaesu Fusion Digital. This is the best way to accommodate DARC Members from in Fargo, North Dakota to Alexandria to the Twin Cities & into Analska, Wisconsin.

Adjournment . . .

Motion 2021-004 was made by Rick NØBJN to adjourn the Meeting. 15 Yes Votes & Ø No Votes. Motion passed. The Meeting was adjourned at 17:23.

Respectively submitted by DARC President Rick Houle NØBJN
in the absence of DARC Secretary Kevin KAØWJC