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**Hi Everyone,**

**DARC Meeting Minutes 3/13/2021**

**Called to Order . . .**

The March 13th 2021 DARC meeting was called to order by DARC President Rick NØBJN at 15:00 with 11 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 Brainerd Lakes Area to the Twin Cities and beyond. The 11 Members present at 15:00 were DARC President Rick NØBJN Little Falls, Kevin KBØNMN Foley, Shawne KFØAUW Belgrade, DARC Treasurer Tom KDØMOM Upsala, Jerry KFØAUV Belgrade, Shannon NØANC St Augusta, Ashley KDØYKA St Augusta, Phil KEØNCV Rockville, John NJØV Sauk Rapids, Jay KEØOGD Sartell & DARC Vice President Rick WUØS Little Falls. Dave KGØCV mobile checked in at 16:28. A quorum was achieved. The DARC Meeting Agenda 3/13/2021 is attached.

**Treasurers Report . . .**

**DARC Treasurer Tom KDØMOM presented the following report :**

For January 01, 2021 thru March 14, 2021

*Saved Mtg 3/13/2021*

Beginning Bank Balance: \$3,504.82

Income:

Dues: \$ 480.00

Donations: \$ 180.00

Current Balance: \$4,164.82

Outstand Bills:

Paynesville Electric Bills: \$ 56.23 *(2 months worth)*

ARRL Insurance \$ 140.21 *(based on last year's bill) (due in april)*

Tax Report for 2020 -- Form 990-N -- Submitted 01/16/2021

**End of report**

Submitted by DARC Treasurer, Tom Kilian, KDØMOM

*Motion 2021-005 to approve  
treasurers report  
11 yes & no votes  
Motion passed*

The Repeaters Equipment List was also discussed because the ARRL Insurance will be due in April. Rick NØBJN will review the list for any changes that may need to be made. Then the ARRL insurance will get paid for the year.

Tom shared with the group that he's teaching a Skywarn Training Class tomorrow, Sunday 3/14/2021 at 1:00 PM at St Mary's Church in Upsala. Tom said he had a full slate of folks signed up for the class.

Shannon NØANC asked about a letter for Randy, the Paynesville repeater site owner like we do for the St Cloud D-Star repeater site. Tom KDØMOM said he mentioned it to Eileen on the phone but she didn't know anything about it. Rick NØBJN said we just need a dollar amount Randy likes & we can do it.

**Motion 2021-005** was made to approve the Treasurers Report. 11 Yes Votes & Ø No Votes. Motion passed.

### **DARC Meeting Minutes 1/30/2021 . . .**

DARC President Rick NØBJN shared with the group that the DARC Meeting Minutes from the last Meeting held on 1/30/2021 needs approval. Rick stated they were published on E-mail 1/31/2021 @ 00:27. Rick made **Motion 2021-006** to approve the DARC Meeting Minutes as published on E-mail. 11 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 April or May.

**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. Shannon NØANC said he'll be working on the repeater sites grounding system to help bring the crackle to a minimum.

**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 :** Rick NØBJN shared with the group that it is linked to the DARC Room 28439.

**St Cloud D-Star repeater 443.850 + :** Shannon NØANC told the group that there was a problem with the display on the Yaesu Fusion Digital repeater. After it was checked out by Dean NYØI & Dave KGØCV, it was decided to send the repeater into Yaesu for repair.

**Little Falls 443.075 + DN :** Rick NØBJN stated this repeater went down several months ago. Larry NØRND is trying to repair it. Larry reported he replaced the finals & found another problem with the driver circuit & was going to rebuild the circuit. Another more pricey option Rick mentioned may be buy a new DR2X repeater ?? Maybe trade in for a new dr2x ??

#### **Neighboring Club Activities :**

##### **Brainerd Radio Club . . .**

Rick NØBJN told the group that the Brainerd Radio Club has Skywarn Training Beginner Classes scheduled virtually on April 7th thru April 21st. Advanced Skywarn Classes will run virtually April 27th thru April 29th. More info about the Skywarn Training Classes or the Brainerd Radio Club can be seen at : <https://brainerdham.org/>

##### **St Cloud Radio Club . . .**

Rick NØBJN shared with the group that the St Cloud Radio Club is having a VE Testing on Saturday March 27th at their Clubhouse in Waite Park on Third Street North. Masks must be worn & social distancing must be followed. Only six applicants are allowed & must preregister at : <https://w0sv.club/testing/>

##### **Alexandria Radio Club . . .**

No info on the Alexandria Radio Club was available. Info on the Alex Radio Club can be viewed at : <https://www.w0alx.com/>

##### **Fergus Falls Radio Club . . .**

Rick NØBJN reported he has not heard any more from Rod NØRJO about putting one of their 440 repeaters on Fusion Digital & link it with us in the DARC Room.

#### **Open Mic :**

Rick NØBJN told the group that he might not run for reelection as DARC President. He went on to say DARC Treasurer Tom KDØMOM is now on the St Mary's Church Finance Committee & won't be running for reelection. Also DARC Secretary Kevin KAØWJC has retired from Camp Ripley & will be moving to Waseca in Southern MN & probably won't be running for reelection. Jay KEØOGD asked how long DARC Officer terms are ? Rick said two year terms. Any DARC Members in good standing are eligible to run for DARC President, Secretary or Treasurer. The DARC Elections will come up in November 2021.

Jerry KFØAUV has been working on a new DARC website. It is a project in development. We had one several years ago, but it was not maintained. You can find the new site at : <http://the-darc-room.com/>

**As of this writing :** A DARC Member shared with us on the DARC FM Net that having Radio Club Meetings on the Radio makes sense. Nobody has to go anywhere.

On tonight's DARC Digital Net, an item talked about was a cell phone app called Droid Star that can do Fusion Digital or DMR. It will only work on a Android cell phone. More info can be viewed at : <https://vk3tbs.home.blog/2020/07/08/droid-star/>

### Next Meeting . . .

The next DARC Meeting will be on Saturday 5/15/2021 at 15:00 on the air in the DARC Room 28439 on Yaesu Fusion Digital. You can also find it on the FCS Network 004-29 & on the NØBJN-L Echolink Node 925804. This is the best way to accommodate DARC Members in Fargo, North Dakota to Alexandria to the Brainerd Lakes Area to the Twin Cities & beyond.

### Adjournment . . .

**Motion 2021-007** was made by Rick NØBJN to adjourn the Meeting. 11 Yes Votes & Ø No Votes. Motion passed. The Meeting was adjourned at 16:36.

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