

Hi Everyone,

10/11/2021 21:28

## **DARC Meeting Minutes 10/9/2021**

### **Meeting Called to Order . . .**

The October 9th 2021 DARC Meeting was called to order by DARC President Rick NØBJN at 15:00 with 14 Members present. The Meeting was held on the air in the DARC Room 28439, on the FCS 004-29 Bridge & the NØBJN-L Echolink Node 925804, to accommodate the DARC Members in Fargo, North Dakota, to the two in Alexandria, to the two in the Brainerd Lakes Area, to the Twin Cities & into Analaska, Wisconsin. The 14 Members present at 15:00 were DARC President Rick NØBJN Little Falls, Kevin KBØNMN Foley, Shawne KFØAUW Belgrade, Jerry KFØAUV Belgrade, DARC Treasurer Tom KDØMOM Upsala, DARC Vice President Rick WUØS Little Falls, Phil KEØNCV Rockville, NØANC Shannon St Augusta, Ashley KEØYKA St Augusta, Dave KGØCV Cold Spring, Dean NYØI Paynesville, John NJØV Sauk Rapids, Rick KD9GVS Analaska, Wisconsin, Mike KCØAYP Brooklyn Park, & Jay KEØOGD Mobile near St Cloud. A quorum was achieved. The DARC Meeting Agenda 20211009 is attached.

### **DARC Treasurers Report . . .**

DARC Treasurer Tom KDØMOM presented the following report :

## DARC Treasurer's Report, 10-09-2021

**Beginning Bank Balance:** \$3,801.74

**Income:**

Dues	20.00
Donations	100.00

**Expenses:** none

**Current Balance:** \$3,921.74

**Outstanding bills**

Paynesville electricity*	
3 months	117.18

**\*Note on Paynesville electric bills:**

Historical average monthly bill has been in the upper \$20s  
Two months at around \$35 each for around 150 kWh  
Last month came in at \$44 for over 200 kWh  
Taxes & rates have been stable at around \$0.132/kWh  
so the increased monthly bill is due to increased usage

### End of report

Submitted by DARC Treasurer, Tom Kilian, KDØMOM

**Motion 2021-004** was made by DARC Vice President Rick WUØS to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. 14 Yes Votes & Ø No Votes. Motion passed.

**DARC Meeting Minutes 7/17/2021 . . .**

DARC President Rick NØBJN shared with the group that the DARC Meeting Minutes from the last Meeting held 7/17/21 needs approval. Rick stated they were published on E-mail on Sunday 7/25/2021 @ 21:06. It was also published on the DARC Website :

<http://the-darc-room.com/meetings/>

**Motion 2021-005** was made to approve the DARC Meeting Minutes 7/17/20 as published on E-mail on 7/25/21 @ 21:06. 14 Yes Votes & 0 No Votes. Motion passed.

### DARC Club Officers Nominations . . .

DARC President Rick NØBJN told the group that he was not running for reelection.

After some discussion, Dean NYØI Paynesville decided to run for DARC Vice President. With Dean's Nomination to Vice President, current DARC Vice President Rick WUØS Little Falls decided to withdraw his name from the Vice President Nomination. Rick told the group Wayne WBØKUG has decided to withdraw his name from the President Nomination

cuz he has problems hitting the DARC Room 28439 on Fusion Digital. Please see attached E-mail :

Yahoo Mail - DARC OFFICERS https://mail.yahoo.com/d/search/name=Wayne%2520WB%2520

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From: Wayne Johnson (wb0kug@gmail.com) *WBØKUG*  
To: madams634@yahoo.com *Rick NØBJN*  
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 12:29 PM CDT

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Hi Rick

With all the problems I have checking into the net, I do not think I would be able to run a net. I had several nets I did not get checked in, the net I talked to you we had to talk on the phone and last week I get checked in but broken up at times.

You have someone else who can get checked in and willing to be President, so I would like to be taken off the election list for President.

I do not know why I am having problems with checking into the net. I have tried the Avon and Alex repeaters with the same problems. I see Nick has the digital working on Alex.

Let me know you got this email. I am using my laptop, normally I use my phone. Thought I would see if the laptop is still working.

*Wayne WBØKUG E-mail 20210921.pdf*

The **new** Nominations for DARC Officers are :

President : Jerry KFØAUV Belgrade  
Vice President : Dean NYØI Paynesville  
Treasurer : Jerry KFØAUV Belgrade  
Secretary : Shanwne KFØAUW Belgrade

They will be placed on the DARC Election Ballot for voting before the 11/6/2021 Meeting. DARC Election Ballots will be E-mailed out soon. **Motion 2021-006** was made by DARC Treasurer Tom KDØMOM to approve the DARC Nominations as read & close the Nominations. The Motion was seconded by Phil KEØNCV. 14 Yes Vote & Ø No Votes. Motion passed.

**DARC Room 28439 . . .**

Rick NØBJN reported to the group that the check ins on the DARC Digital Net Saturday nights at 20:15 went down, as expected, during the busy summer months & have been picking up as we go into fall.

**Minnesota Repeater Council Annual Repeater Update Request . . .**

Rick NØBJN explained at the Meeting that the MN Repeater Council sends out the Annual form every August & it's due back 10/30/2021. It tells the MN Repeater Council that the repeater is still on the air & more importantly there's still someone or a group behind it doing the magic to keep it going. The form Rick mailed back on 10/6/2021 covers the Becker 147.345 +, Becker 443.475 +, Paynesville 145.270 -, Paynesville 224.800 - & 443.850 +. Last years 2020 form was mailed back on 10/17/2020.

**Repeater Status : ( DN = Digital Narrow on Yaesu Fusion Digital )**

**Becker 147.345 + FM DCS 172 or DN . . .**

Dave KGØCV shared with the members that Excell Energy at the repeater site is still limiting access to the site due to Civid 19. We will try again in the spring to go to the site & install the new 2 meter antenna.

**Becker 443.475 + FM DCS 172 or DN . . .**

Dave KGØCV explained to the group that this repeater continues to function good in the DARC Room 28439 on Yaesu Fusion Digital.

**Paynesville 145.270 - FM DCS 172 . . .**

Shannon NØANC told the DARC members this repeater needs work. It has hardware problems. It's on dual antennas. One for receive & one for transmit. It has a big mouth but no ears. It's at 120' & needs some hardware replacements. It needs a tower climber to fix it right. Rick NØBJN suggested Shannon make a list of what the repeater needs & perhaps chat with Peter KDØILS about a tower climber & what it would cost. Shannon will bring more info to the next DARC Meeting.

#### Paynesville 224.800 - FM . . .

Dave KGØCV said the Duplexer needs to be fine tuned further than what Dave can do. He wants to get help from Nick KDØILR or the other Nick in St Cloud who works at Granite City Electronics. He took the Amplifier off line for now until the Duplexer can be fine tuned. The repeater is at low power for now.

#### Paynesville 444.625 + DN . . .

Dean NYØI reported the Fusion Digital Link to the DARC Room 28439 at his house is behaving. He also has a battery backup on it for electricity outages. As long as Media Com Internet continues, it should be good.

#### St Cloud 145.190 - DN & 442.150 + FM DCS 172 or DN . . .

Shannon NØANC stated both of his repeaters are running good. Folks are free to Link them to whatever Rooms they wish such as the MNWIS Room, Texas Nexus Room or wherever.

#### St Cloud 443.850 + DCS 172 . . .

Dean NYØI said Dave KGØCV & Shannon NØANC have done the magic behind the scenes with this repeater. It's Dean's DR-2X Fusion Digital repeater & Dave's Duplexer. Dean said he's proud of that setup. Rick NØBJN chimed in with it's become one of the most used DARC repeaters & has excellent mobile coverage.

#### Little Falls 443.075 + DN . . .

Rick NØBJN shared with the DARC members that the old Fusion Digital DR-1X repeater had died. Larry NØRND did his best to repair the repeater. The end results were it couldn't be repaired cuz circuit boards aren't designed for repair & we would've had to purchase 1000 widgets to get one correct part. Rick & Larry went half & half on a new DR-2X Fusion Digital repeater for \$700.00.

Larry put the new repeater on line about 8/10/2021 & it has been running smooth since. It's Linked to the DARC Room 28439.

Little Falls 147.135 + FM tone 123.0 . . .

Tom KDØMOM told the group he had E-mailed Paul KØLAV about the status of his Linking it with Isle & Jenkins about six weeks ago & had not received a reply from Paul. Tom would like to move his Morrison County Skywarn Spotters from the Avon 147.105 + to the Little Falls repeater since most of his Spotters use H T s.

**Neighboring Club Activities :**

Brainerd Radio Club . . .

Rick NØBJN explained the Goblin Watch at the Brainerd Arboretum is coming up soon. More info can be viewed at :

<https://brainerdham.org/>

St Cloud Radio Club . . .

Rick NØBJN told the DARC Meeting members the Ripley on rendezvous was today Saturday 10/9/2021 at Camp Ripley. They will be doing a VE Testing on Saturday 10/23/2021 at 10 AM at the clubhouse. More info can be seen at :

<https://w0sv.club/>

Alexandria Radio Club . . .

With no members of the Alex Radio Club present at the DARC Meeting, no report was given.

Fergus Falls Radio Club . . .

Rick NØBJN reported there has been no more E-mails with Rod NØRJO concerning the Fergus Falls Club putting one of their repeaters on Fusion Digital & Linking it into the DARC Room with us.

Open Mic . . .

Dean NYØI talked about it would be cool to put a Digi Peater at the Paynesville repeater site. Dean also said he hears the Alex repeater in the DARC Room when he visits his son.

**Rick NØBJN extended a very special thank you to the 14 DARC Members who took time away on a 76 degree Saturday afternoon, to be part of the DARC Meeting. Thank you Members !!**

**DARC Election Ballots will be E-mailed out soon. Vote on them & E-mail them back before the 11/6/2021 in order for your vote to count.**

### **Next DARC Meeting . . .**

**The next DARC Meeting will be on Saturday 11/6/2021 at 15:00 on the air on Fusion Digital in the DARC Room 28439, on the FCS 004-29 & on the NØBJN-L Echolink Node 925804.**

### **Meeting Adjournment . . .**

**Motion 2021-007 to adjourn the DARC Meeting was made by Jerry KFØAUV. It was seconded by Rick NØBJN. 14 Yes Votes & Ø No Votes. Motion passed. The Meeting was adjourned at 16:48.**

**In the absence of the DARC Secretary, these DARC Meeting Minutes are respectively submitted by DARC President Rick NØBJN.**