

Hi Everyone,

11/8/2021

17:01

DARC Meeting Minutes 11/6/2021

Meeting Called to Order . . .

The November 6th 2021 DARC Meeting was called to order by DARC President Rick NØBJN at 15:00 with 10 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 DARC has become a Regional Radio Club. The 10 Members present at 15:00 were DARC President Rick NØBJN Little Falls, Shawne KFØAUW Belgrade, Jerry KFØAUW Belgrade, DARC Treasurer Tom KDØMOM Upsala, Phil KEØNCV Rockville, Kevin KBØNMN Foley, Dave KGØCV Cold Spring, Dean NYØI on the Echolink, Mike KCØAYP Brooklyn Park & Shannon NØANC St Augusta. A quorum was achieved. The DARC Meeting Agenda & attendance is attached.

DARC Treasurer's Report . . .

DARC Treasurer Tom KDØMOM presented the following report :

DARC Treasurer's Report 11-06-2021

Beginning Bank Balance: \$3921.74

Income:

Dues none

Donations none

Expenses: none

Current Balance: \$3921.74

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 200kwh

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 President, Rick NØBJN

Motion 2021-18 was made by Shannon NØANC to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. It was seconded by Phil KEØNCV. 10 Yes Votes. Ø No Votes. Motion passed.

DARC Meeting Minutes 10/9/2021 . . .

DARC President Rick NØBJN shared with the group that the DARC Meeting Minutes from the last Meeting held 10/9/2021 needs approval. Rick stated they were published on E-mail on Monday 10/11/2021 @ 21:28 & on the DARC website at :

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

Motion 2021-019 was made by Jerry KFØAUV to approve the DARC Meeting Minutes 10/9/2021 as published on E-mail & the DARC website. It was seconded by Shannon NØANC. 10 Yes Votes. Ø No Votes.

Motion passed.

DARC Election Results . . .

DARC President Rick NØBJN shared the DARC Election 2021 results with the group.

Rick said the Polls closed on 11/4/2021 @18:00. 15 DARC Members voted in the Election. The results were :

President : Jerry KFØAUV - 15 Votes

Vice President : Dean NYØI - 15 Votes

Treasurer : Jerry KFØAUV - 15 Votes

Secretary : Shawne KFØAUW - 15 Votes

The DARC By Laws were checked to see if one person could hold two Club Offices. They state you can hold two Offices, but not three. It was also found in a phone conversation with the President of the Alexandria Radio Club they do the same thing. One guy there holds two Club Offices. The new Club Officers will begin their terms on 1/1/2022.

Motion 2021-020 was made by Tom KDØMOM to certify the DARC Election 2021 results. It was seconded by Phil KEØNCV.

10 Yes Votes. Ø No Votes. Motion passed.

DARC Room 28439 . . .

Rick NØBJN told the Members the DARC Digital Net Saturday nights at 20:15 is doing pretty good with about 17 - 20 check ins. Please see attached DARC FM & Digital Net 20211106.

Repeater Status . . .

(DN = Digital Narrow)

Becker 147.345 + FM DCS 172 DN . . .

Dave KGØCV reported that the site owner Excell Energy, was still doing the Covid 19 lock down. Unfortunately, the DARC is a non essential personnel so we're the very last to be allowed on the site. It looks like maybe we can go there in the spring ?? Dave has the brand new antenna for the Becker 147.345 + repeater in his shop ready to go. Tom KDØMOM suggested we E-mail Todd Krause & Jim Richardson at the National Weather Service In Chanhassan to see if they can E-mail back that we need our Becker Skywarn Hub back up & running. Dave will E-mail the National Weather Service in

Chanhassan.

Becker 443.475 + FM DCS 172 DN . . .

Rick NØBJN stated this repeater continues to be Linked to the DARC Room on Yaesu Fusion Digital to the DARC Room 28439. It's been running good.

Paynesville 145.270 - FM DCS 172 . . .

Shannon NØANC told the group that this repeater is not running very good. It won't duplex on it's antenna. It gets noise from somewhere & acts up. It's using a separate receive & transmit antennas. It has a big mouth & poor ears on the separate antennas to keep the noise out. Shannon suggested we take the new Becker 2 meter antenna & put it up at Paynesville 145.270 - site since we can't go to the Becker site. Dave KGØCV said this is the best way to go. Dave added we could get a Hustler mono bander antenna for the Becker site that would go right up the elevator at Becker. After further discussion, **Motion 2021-021** was made by Shannon NØANC to send the new Becker 2 meter antenna to Paynesville 145.270 - FM repeater site. It was seconded by Rick NØBJN. 10 Yes Votes. Ø No Votes. Motion passed.

Paynesville 224.800 - FM . . .

Dave KGØCV reported this repeater is still running barefoot without the amplifier. He stated with the amplifier, it gets a lot of desense. He wants some help from Nick KDØILR to fine tune the duplexer further than what Dave can do.

Paynesville 444.625 + DN . . .

Rick NØBJN said this repeater continues to function good Linked to the DARC Room 28439. The Link is provided by Dean NYØI in Paynesville.

St Cloud 145.190 - DN . . .

Shannon NØANC stated this repeater is Linked to MNWIS (an abbreviation for MN Wisconsin) Room 21493 most of the time. It can be Linked to any Room a Ham Operator wishes.

St Cloud 442.150 + FM DCS 172 or DN . . .

Shannon NØANC said this repeater can be Linked to any Room a Ham Operator wants.

St Cloud 443.850 + DCS 172 or DN . . .

Shannon NØANC reported the DR2X Yaesu Fusion Digital repeater has gone belly up. He said the screen won't come on & it won't transmit or repeat. He replaced it with his extra DR2X repeater. He would like to send the belly up repeater back to Yaesu to see if it can be repaired. **Motion 2021-22** was made by Shawnne KFØAUV to send the Yaesu DR2X repeater to Yaesu for repair & reimburse Shannon shipping costs. It was seconded by Rick NØBJN. 10 Yes Votes. Ø No Votes. Motion passed.

Little Falls 147.135 + FM . . . No Report Given

Neighboring Club Activities . . . No Reports Given

Open Mic . . .

Phil KEØNCV congratulated the new Club Officers. He thanked them for serving in the DARC. He also thanked Rick NØBJN for being DARC President for the last 8 years.

Shannon NØANC reported the decommissioned St Cloud D-Star repeater is still on his shelf at his house since 2/1/2021. After some discussion, Shannon agreed to selling it to Erik NY9D, if not he'll sell it on E-Bay. **Motion 2021-23** was made by Phil KEØNCV to authorize Shannon to sell the Icom St Cloud D-Star Repeater & Controller & get what he can for it & put the \$\$ in the DARC Bank Account. It was seconded by Dave KGØCV. 10 Yes Votes. Ø No Votes. Motion passed.

Next DARC Meeting . . .

The next DARC Meeting is Saturday 1/15/2022 at 15:00 on Fusion Digital in the DARC Room 28439, on FCS 004-29 Bridge & on the NØBJN-L Echolink Node 925804. This is the best way to accommodate the DARC Members from Fargo, North Dakota to Northern Iowa. The DARC has become a Regional Radio Club.

Adjournment . . .

Motion 2021-24 was made by Jerry KFØAUV to adjourn the DARC Meeting. It was seconded by Kevin KBØNMN. 10 Yes Votes. Ø No Votes. Motion passed. The DARC Meeting was adjourned by DARC President Rick NØBJN at 17:02.

Respectively Submitted by DARC President Rick NØBJN
in the absence of the DARC Secretary