



Minutes of SEMARC Board Meeting of September 14, 2021 (Approved October 12, 2021)

This was a virtual online meeting by Webex.

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Ryc Lyden KDØZWM.

In attendance were Ryc Lyden KDØZWM, Dick Roberts NØUC, Joe Hibberd W3QLC, Dave Larson KEØHAL, Dan Franz WDØGUP, Dave Schultz KBØSED, and Dave Blume KDØIRF. Total present was 7.

Board meeting minutes of August 10, 2021 were approved. (MSA: Blume, Larson, all)
Hibberd announced renewal of our Special Service Club designation by ARRL.
Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Pete Sigtermans NØFKC and Tom Beane KD9RFJ.

Treasurer's report – Blume. August starting \$13,393.14, ending \$13,433.14, bank reconciled.

President's report – Lyden suggested the newsletter contain member profiles of 1 new member and 1 longer member each month. He also suggested Chuck Hanson KFØGFK be appointed as PIO. Franz will contact Hanson.

VE Report – Franz. August 21 exam session: 5 attended, 4 passed Technician, 1 passed Extra.

Activities Report – Larson reported a successful Parks On The Air event on August 28 at Afton State Park. Blume reported a successful POTA event on September 11 at Jaycee Park in Hastings. There were 103 FT8 contacts, 17 CW contacts and 3 phone contacts.

Old Business

1. Club equipment. Roberts and Schultz will inventory donated equipment next week. Blume will contact Cottage Grove Fire Chief to confirm method to secure storage room at Fire Station #3.
2. The Cottage Grove EOC is in the Public Safety Building; Central Fire Station is the back-up EOC. Discussion that we could establish an emergency station at Fire Station #3 and use portable radios from there to contact the city EOC. There is no need to install a permanent radio station at either EOC.
3. Continued discussion from last month about membership for those who pass one of our VE exams. Motion to offer free membership to those who pass one of our VE exams from January through September for the remainder of the calendar year, and those who pass an exam from October through December for the remainder of the same and the succeeding calendar year. (MSA: Blume, Schultz, all)

Discussions

1. Amateur Extra class. SEMARC and SARA will be leading the class. SARA will schedule and announce the class. Brian McInerney NØBM is our liaison.
2. Possible locations for an October field event were discussed. None decided.
3. Program for September 28 membership meeting will be Parks On The Air by Larson.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m. (MSA: Hibberd, Franz, all)

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Hibberd W3QLC
Secretary