



Minutes of SEMARC Annual Meeting of January 12, 2021 (Approved February 23, 2021)

This was a virtual meeting on Webex hosted by Dick Roberts NØUC. The meeting was called to order by President Ryc Lyden KDØZWM at 7:14 p.m.

In attendance were: Ryc Lyden KDØZWM, Skip Jackson KSØJ, Dick Roberts NØUC, Dan Franz WDØGUP, Dave Larsen KEØHAL, Dave Blume KDØIRF, Dave Schultz KBØSED, Gary Else WKØX, Joe Heitzinger KCØOIO, John Regan KAØHYR, Brian McInerney NØBM, Roger Holger AEØTE, Tom Beane KD9RFJ, Bill Heyderhoff KDØMHE, Steve Howard ABØXE, Joe Hibberd W3QLC. Total of 16 in attendance.

Minutes for the 11-24-20 membership meeting were approved. (M,S,A Regan, Blume, all)

Treasurer Report by Dick Roberts NØUC:

1. December 2020: Start \$12,497.44, end \$12,497.44 (no change).
2. Filed corporation renewal with Minnesota Secretary of State.
3. Paid annual insurance fee to Mercer Insurance.
4. Received and paid \$401.10 for band pass filters as approved by the membership as approved at October membership meeting. \$401.10 was reimbursed to Dick Roberts.
5. The Volunteer Examination account at TCF Bank was audited. All in order.

Election of Board of Directors

A slate of new officers was approved at the November membership meeting: President Ryc Lyden KDØZWM, Vice President Dave Larson KEØHAL, Secretary Joe Hibberd W3QLC, Treasurer Dave Blume KDØIRF, Trustee Dave Schultz KBØSED, and Members-at-large Dick Roberts NØUC and Skip Jackson KSØJ. (Member-at-large Dan Franz WDØGUP term ends in 2021.) President Ryc Lyden called for more nominations; none were made. Slate of new Board of Directors was approved without objection.

Year in Review

1. ARES/John Regan: ARES joined with American Red Cross for exercises in May and November.
2. Volunteer Examinations/Dan Franz: 46 candidates passed 71 elements. Tests were administered in only eight months due to COVID-19.
3. Field Days/Dave Blume: Winter Field Day 2020 was the first one held at Old Fire Station. Field Day 2020 was conducted from home QTHs due to COVID-19.
4. USS Ward Special Event/Dick Roberts: Event was held from home QTHs due to COVID-19.
5. American Red Cross/Ryc Lyden: November 14, 2020 exercise had 1500 participants in 47 states. 1750 messages were passed. Winlink Thursdays has restarted. Los Angeles area ARES has good Winlink videos.

President's Challenge. Ryc Lyden challenged members to make new net contacts in HF, VHF/UHF, DMR with voice or data/digital. There will be a winner each month in each category.

Upcoming Events 2021

1. The club is planning four events this year:

- a. January 30-31, Winter Field Day will be from home QTHs without a schedule.
 - b. May 11, Minnesota Statehood. Ryc Lyden will plan.
 - c. June 27-28, Field Day. Dave Blume will chair.
 - d. Fall event to be determined, possibly U.S. Postal Airway Route System on September 12.
Contact Ryc Lyden with ideas.
2. American Red Cross will have national events in May and November, and two North Central events with information later.

New Business

1. Dick Roberts suggested updating the list of club equipment. Trustee Dave Shultz has the list. Discussion about storing all equipment in a central location. Ryc Lyden will contact the Cottage Grove fire chief about storage locations. Further discussion at next board meeting.
2. Skip Jackson would like a new person to be responsible for meeting programs. Volunteers should contact any board member. Further discussion at next board meeting.
3. SARA president Joe Heitzinger invited SEMARC members to attend their Tech Topic virtual meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 11. MFJ founder/president Martin F. Jue will discuss use of the MFJ 259/269 antenna analyzer. Contact Heitzinger for more information.
4. Dick Roberts recommended holding monthly virtual "fireside chats" for keeping in contact during this pandemic. He noted 13 members participated in the December event. Further discussion at next board meeting.

Motion to adjourn. M,S,A Schultz, Jackson, all. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Hibberd, W3QLC, Secretary