



Minutes of SEMARC Membership Meeting of February 23, 2021 (Approved March 30, 2021)

This was a virtual online meeting by Webex.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Ryc Lyden KDØZWM.

In attendance were members Ryc Lyden KDØZWM, Dave Larson KEØHAL, Dick Roberts NØUC, Joe Hibberd W3QLC, Dave Schultz KBØSED, Dan Franz WDØGUP, John Regan KAØHYR, Steve Howard ABØXE, Tom Beane KD9RFJ, Vern Reiter WAØKRL, Gary Esler WKØX, Bill Heyderhoff KDØMHE and Brian McInerney NØBM. Total present was 14.

Minutes of the January 12, 2021 annual meeting were approved. (MSA Larson, McInerney, All)

Past Treasurer Roberts reported for Treasurer Dave Blume. The ending balance for January was \$12,663.14 and reconciles with the bank statement. For more detailed information contact the treasurer.

Announcements

1. President Lyden announced the following appointments:
 - a. Dave Finley KA8VHF as Public Service Committee chair
 - b. Dave Larson KEØHAL as replacement trustee
 - c. Roger Holger AEØTE as Telegraph editor
2. The Audit Committee will be meeting before the next Board meeting to discuss documentation for audits.

Public Service Committee – Regan

1. The Washington County ARES website remains alive. Note the correct URL is **www.mnwashcoares.net**.
2. ARRL and MARS announced the dates for COMEX-21 on the 60 meters band.
3. John expressed thanks to SEMARC and SARA for the plaque he received for his years as Washington County Emergency Coordinator (EC).

VE Report – Franz

The January session had 9 candidates: 7 passed Technician, 1 passed Tech and General, and 1 passed Amateur Extra. The February session had 9 candidates; a full report will be made later.

Activities

1. Fireside Chats will be held on the first Tuesday of the month.
2. The Minnesota Birthday Bash, a statehood special event, will be held on May 11. Blume, Larson and Lyden will coordinate.
3. Field Day will be June 26-27.
4. Fall events suggested were the Milwaukee Road Switch Tower, the Air Mail system, and Parks on the Air.
5. Lyden reminded members of the President's Challenge of contacting multiple nets. The challenge runs during each calendar month.

Old Business

1. Trustees are working on an equipment list.
2. A program chair for the monthly meetings is needed. It is traditionally held by a Board member. Roberts volunteered with Holger and Regan assisting.

New Business

1. A net control station is needed for the 5th Wednesday of the month on the weekly 2m net. Roberts will take the position until another member volunteers. It is a great way to get experience as a NCS.
2. Roberts announced the Scholarship Committee met to discuss how to collect information on how to best announce the application deadline of May 3, 2021. He will submit a report at the next Board meeting. There was an extended discussion about seeking youth hams to apply for the scholarship. (Lyden left at 7:44 p.m.; Larson presided.) This topic will be continued at the next membership meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m. (MSA Roberts, Esler, All)

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Hibberd, W3QLC
Secretary