



## **Minutes of SEMARC Membership Meeting of April 27, 2021 (Approved May 25, 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 members Ryc Lyden KDØZWM, Dave Larson KEØHAL, Dick Roberts NØUC, Joe Hibberd W3QLC, Dan Franz WDØGUP, Dave Blume KDØIRF, John Regan KAØHYR, Roger Holger AEØTE, Bill Heyderhoff KDØMHE, Jim Johnson NØRKR, Joe Heitzinger KCØOIO, Steve Howard ABØXE, Paul Kanikula KF9CP, Vern Reiter WAØKRL, Dave Finley KA8VHF, and Brian McInerney NØBM. Total present was 16.

Minutes of the March 30, 2021 meeting were approved. (MSA Blume, Larson, all)

Treasurer's Report -- Blume. The general fund ending balance for March was \$12,843.14 and reconciles with the bank statement. For more detailed information contact the treasurer. Blume reported President Lyden and he signed the bank signature card. Trustee Schultz will sign later.

President's Report – Lyden

1. The monthly breakfasts at the North Pole Restaurant have resumed on the third Saturday of the month.
2. The American Red Cross drill will be held on May 8 via Winlink. Local check-ins will be in the morning; National check-ins will be in the afternoon.
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4. The Cottage Grove fire chief has approved use of Fire Station #3 for Field Day. Lyden will invite the Civil Air Patrol to bring one of their comm units. Blume will coordinate the setup.

Public Service Committee. Finley reported no local events have been scheduled.

Volunteer Examination Committee. Franz reported the March exam session had 6 candidates: 4 passed Technician, 1 passed General, and 1 passed Amateur Extra. The April exam session had 2 candidates: 1 failed Technician and 1 passed General. Eight are so far scheduled for the May 15 exam.

Audit Committee. Roberts reported the committee continues to meet and update the inventory list.

Scholarship Committee. Roberts reported on the lack of applications. The committee recommends removing the SAT/ACT requirement and STEM preference, and increasing the scholarship from \$500 to \$1000. If these do not draw more applications the committee recommends expanding the eligibility to students in all Dakota and Washington Counties schools in the future. The current fund balance is approximately \$7000. Motion to increase scholarship to \$1000 effective in 2022. (MSA: Hibberd, Blume, all)

Activities Committee

1. Winter Field Day has not reported results to date.
2. Minnesota Birthday Bash statehood special event, May 11. We have received a city permit for Pioneer Park. Planning committee will be Hibberd, Holger, Roberts, Larson.

3. Field Day, June 26-27. Blume reported Cottage Grove Fire Station #3 has been approved. Two radio stations will be used. He will develop an operations schedule.
4. Parks On The Air, September 11. Blume and Brian McInerney NØBM will coordinate. Location will be Jaycee Park in Hastings.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Open Forum

1. SARA president Heitzinger (and SEMARC member) invited all to Radio In The Park held every 3 weeks through September from 1730-2000 at Valley View Park in Oak Park Heights. Also, Joe Eisenberg KØNEB will present “Kit Building Tips & Tricks” during their Tech Thursday event on May 13.
2. Regan thanked members of SEMARC and SARA for the plaque for his leadership in Washington County ARES.
3. Regions Hospital is interested in establishing a hospital net radio station.
4. Franz is planning to conduct fox hunts this summer.
5. Holger requested articles for the May newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m. (MSA: Hibberd, Heitzinger, all)

Program following the business meeting was “One Small Step to Understanding Propagation” presented by Dick Roberts NØUC.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Hibberd, W3QLC  
Secretary