



Minutes of the SEMARC Board Meeting March 10, 2026

Members present: Chuck Hanson (NA0L), Dick Roberts (N0UC), Dale Mathisen (K0DTM), Dan Franz (WD0GUP), Bruce MacDonald (KF0NOK), Dave Larson (KE0HAL) Dave Schultz (KB0SED)

Dan (WD0GUP) opened the meeting at 7:02

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Audit Scheduling

The group discusses scheduling the annual audit, aiming for the last week of March, specifically March 24th at 7 PM. Attendance availability is considered, with some members (Dan) out of town, and Richard Roberts offers to stand in if needed. The date and time are agreed upon by those present.

Meeting Minutes Approval

The board reviews and approves the minutes from the last board meeting. The approval is moved by Richard Roberts and seconded by David Blume, with all members voting in favor, indicating consensus on the record of previous discussions.

Financial Report and Membership Dues

David Blume reports the financial status, noting a starting balance of \$17,362.35 in February, \$900 income, no expenses, and an ending balance of \$18,262.35. The group discusses the nonprofit's maximum recommended balance, with Richard Roberts noting a threshold of \$25,000 to \$50,000. Richard also raises an issue with membership dues received without accompanying payments, which he is investigating. The group acknowledges the need to resolve this discrepancy.

VE Testing Report

Dan WD0GUP reports on the recent VE testing session, noting one candidate who passed the Technician exam but did not pass the General exam and plans to retake it. The session was held in the Blaine area, and the report is brief, indicating routine activity.

ARRL Work All States Program

Chuck NA0L discusses the upcoming ARRL Work All States program, confirming the fire station reservation and the need to finalize details such as dates and participant coordination. Richard Roberts mentions ongoing communication with ARRL and the challenges due to delays in scheduling and software development. The group

emphasizes the importance of having participants ready and the logistics of operating the event, including equipment and reporting requirements.

Digital Modes Presentation

Chuck NA0L announces the program for the upcoming membership meeting will be a virtual presentation on digital modes by Brent (Whiskey Golf Zero Alpha). Richard Roberts confirms he will bring digital equipment for the presentation. The group clarifies the meeting format as virtual rather than in-person.

Foxhunt Event Planning

Dan WD0GUP discusses the possibility of holding a foxhunt event in April, traditionally scheduled for the last weekend after Easter. He offers to organize the event if the group agrees. The group considers dates and locations, with Cottage Grove proposed as the meeting place. Bruce MacDonald expresses interest in participating. The event is tentatively scheduled for April 25th at 9 AM.

Upcoming Events and Member Activities

The group discusses upcoming events including VE testing sessions and social gatherings. David Blume mentions a breakfast event at the North Pole and encourages members to RSVP. Chuck NA0L shares travel plans from April 22nd to May 8th, covering Utah, Arizona, and the Badlands. The group notes the approaching snowstorm and seasonal changes affecting activities.

7:39 Meeting Adourned (Dave B / Dick R)