



Minutes of SEMARC Board Meeting of April 11, 2023 (Approved May 9, 2023)

This was a virtual online meeting by Webex.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Dave Larson KEØHAL. In attendance were board members Dave Blume KDØIRF, Dan Franz WDØGUP, Chuck Hanson NAØL, Joe Hibberd W3QLC, Dave Larson KEØHAL, Brian McInerney NØBM, and Dick Roberts NØUC and Dave Schultz KBØSED. All present.

Minutes of the March 14 board meeting were approved. (MSA: McInerney, Blume, all)

Treasurer's Report: Blume reported February began \$15,483.61, ended \$15,815.21, bank reconciled.

President's Report: Larson reported the Cottage Grove district fire chief retired. Our contact in the future will be the city fire chief.

Committee Reports

1. Repeater – Roberts reported he answered questions from the City of Cottage Grove attorney about installing the repeater at Fire Station #3.
2. VE – Franz reported 2 people passed the General exam and one passed the Extra exam in March.
3. Audit – Larson reported the committee completed the annual audit.
4. Program – McInerney reported Franz will make a presentation about fox hunting at the April meeting and Hanson will make a presentation about drones at the May meeting.

Operating Events

1. Franz reported the April 29 fox hunt will start at 10:00 a.m. to avoid conflict with the Skywarn training.
2. Blume reported Field Day will be June 24-25. It may be combined with a Get On The Air program to encourage new hams to operate and to invite the public to visit. PIOs Hibberd and Hanson will contact local media, and Blume will speak at a Cottage Grove city council meeting to invite the officials.
3. McInerney reported he will coordinate members operating WØCGM/35 from their homes to celebrate the club's 35th anniversary during May 18-19. Blume will coordinate the event from Fire Station #3 on May 20.
4. McInerney reported he is looking for sites for a Parks On The Air (POTA) event.
5. McInerney also reported April 15 is the date club members can sign up to operate W1AW/Ø event on May 10-16.

Old Business

1. Live streaming meetings – Franz reported he will conduct a live stream of the June 27 membership meeting.

New Business

1. Minnesota Section convention – Those planning the convention requested \$200 from each club in Minnesota. There was discussion that there was not enough specific information about the

planned event. It does not appear the can be held this year as the planning started too late. Consensus was to not make a donation this year.

2. Sale of Zion Lutheran Church – Franz reported he has had no official contact from the new ownership.
3. Dakota Division newsletter – There was concern that SEMARC VE sessions were not listed in the newsletter. Hibberd reported he contacted the division director to include them in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. (MSA: Hibberd, McInerney, all)

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Hibberd W3QLC
Secretary