



## Minutes of the SEMARC Board Meeting April 14, 2026

**Members present:** Chuck Hanson (NA0L), Dick Roberts (N0UC), Dale Mathisen (K0DTM), Dan Franz (WD0GUP)@7:33, Bruce MacDonald (KF0NOK), Dave Larson (KE0HAL) Dave Schultz (KB0SED)

**Dick (N0UC) opened the meeting at 7:04**  
**WebEx + notes**

The meeting began with a review and approval of the previous meeting's minutes. Corrections were noted regarding member attendance and the location of a VE testing session. The minutes were accepted with these amendments to ensure accurate record-keeping. David Blume pointed out inaccuracies in the minutes regarding member presence and VE testing location. Chuck NA0L acknowledged the corrections and committed to updating the minutes. Richard Roberts N0UC moved to accept the minutes with the proposed changes, which was agreed upon.

### **Treasury Report**

David Blume presented the treasury report detailing the financial status as of March 2026. The report included the beginning balance, income, expenses, and the final balance, which matched the bank statement, indicating accurate financial tracking.

- David Blume reported a beginning balance of \$18,262.35 for March 2026.
- Income of \$360 and a debit of \$99 for post office box rental and key deposit were noted.
- The final balance was \$18,523.35, consistent with the bank statement.
- Richard Roberts N0UC accepted the treasury report without questions.

### **VE Testing Session Update**

Bruce MacDonald reported on the recent VE testing session, noting a no-show from the expected candidate. The session turned into an informal gathering among the examiners, which was viewed positively as it allowed for radio work and discussion.

Richard Roberts N0UC thanked Bruce for the report.

### **Whisper Week Planning and Expectations**

Chuck NA0L discussed the upcoming Whisper Week event scheduled from the 19th to the 25th. There was a focus on clarifying expectations for participants, including frequency usage and reporting. Members emphasized the need for a clear outline to coordinate activities effectively. Chuck NA0L planned to send reminders and seek guidance from John regarding contact methods during the contest. Richard Roberts N0UC highlighted the need for clear expectations on frequency bands and participant roles. Dale K0DTM suggested transmitting with call signs and compiling data but

acknowledged the need for more detailed planning. Members agreed on the importance of an outline to avoid confusion and optimize participation.

### **WSPR Transmission and Monitoring Experiences**

Members shared experiences with WSPR (Weak Signal Propagation Reporter) transmissions, particularly on six meters. Richard Roberts N0UC and David Blume discussed their attempts to detect openings and monitor signal reports. Bruce MacDonald shared challenges with audio settings on Linux and received advice on setup and monitoring.

### **Audit Report and Documentation**

The audit report was completed and submitted on March 24th. Richard Roberts N0UC confirmed the report's availability and agreed to resend it to Chuck NA0L for website archiving, ensuring accessibility for future reference. Dave KBØSED confirmed the audit was completed. Richard Roberts N0UC had the report ready and offered to resend it to Chuck NA0L. Chuck NA0L planned to archive the audit report on the website for common access.

### **Post Office Box and Equipment Room Key Update**

David Blume provided an update on efforts to obtain keys for the post office box and equipment room. He planned to visit downtown Saint Paul to address key cutting and bank account transitions, aiming to resolve pending administrative tasks.

### **Repeater Status and Maintenance**

Discussion centered on the status of the 180 repeater, with analog functionality confirmed as operational. However, the digital portion remained non-functional, and Richard Roberts N0UC planned to investigate further when possible.

### **Meeting Scheduling Clarification**

There was some confusion regarding the timing of an upcoming meeting, with emails indicating different times. The consensus settled on 1700 hours (5 PM) daylight time, with clarification needed to avoid misunderstandings.

7:44 Meeting Adjourned (Dave B / Dave S)