

Minutes of the SEMARC Membership Meeting, September 26, 2023 (Approved October 31, 2023)

The meeting was held at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove MN. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Dave Larson KEØHAL. Also in attendance were members Dave Blume KDØIRF, Dan Franz WDØGUP, Chuck Hanson NAØL, Bill Heyderhoff KDØMHE, Joe Hibberd W3QLC, Roger Holger AEØTE, Paul Kanikula KF9CP, Dwayne Lovelady NØWUE, Brian McInerney NØBM, Dale Mathisen NØVXH, Bruce MacDonald KFØNOK, George Power KØGCP, John Regan KAØHYR, and Dick Roberts NØUC.

President Larson welcomed all to our new meeting place.

Minutes of the August 29 meeting were approved as distributed. (MSA: McInerney Regan, all)

Treasurer's Report: Blume reported the fund balance beginning August was \$16,135.21 and ending \$15,748.40. Bank reconciled.

President's Report: President Dave Larson KEØHAL reminded all of the ARRL Minnesota Section Convention on October 14. The club will have a table there. He asked for volunteers to staff it.

Committee Reports:

1. Repeater: Roberts reported no change in the lease situation.
2. VE: Franz reported the September 16 session had 2 candidates earned a Technician license and 1 candidate upgraded to Amateur Extra.
3. Program: Roberts reported he is looking for program ideas.

Operating events: Roberts reported the POTA event held at Spring Lake Park Reserve in Hastings on September 16 was successful. Six (6) mobile stations were used to make approximately 140 contacts.

Activities: Franz reported a Fox Hunt will be held on October 7 at 11:00 AM.

Old Business:

1. Larson reported the new club banner has been received.
2. President Larson asked for a volunteer to be Vice President until the Annual Meeting in January. No one volunteered. According to the By-Laws this item will be carried forward to the September meeting.

New Business:

1. Roberts asked for volunteers for the Nominating Committee. According to the By-Laws the committee will present a slate of candidates to the Board at its November meeting. Acceptance of the candidates will occur at the November membership meeting unless a vote is needed if there is more than one (1) candidate for any office. In that case ballots will be mailed in January.
2. Hibberd announced volunteers are still needed for this Saturday's Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon.

Announcements:

1. Roberts reported Skip Jackson KSØJ is in Regions Hospital after he fell.
2. Hibberd asked members to keep Steve Howard ABØXE in their thoughts and prayers.

An open discussion about what a new ham needs was held in lieu of a formal program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM. (MSA: Blume, Franz, all)

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Hibberd W3QLC
Secretary