

## OSCAR Newsletter May 12, 2017

The next OSCAR meeting is **Saturday June 9**, 2018, the second Saturday of the month.

The meeting will be held at 9:00am in the back room of "The Kitchen" restaurant in downtown Owatonna, located at 329 Cedar Ave N.

May 12, 2017 Meeting Notes: The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by President Kris, KCOREO.

### Attendees:

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| Bill         | WAOFMG |
| Bonnie       | N0BKJ  |
| Brian        | K0BDD  |
| Dale         | WB0PKG |
| Deuel Potter | NS0L   |
| Glenn        | KD0GNF |
| Gregg        | KD0GVR |
| Jared        | KE0FQM |
| Jeff         | KE0FWN |
| Jeff         | N0GZK  |
| Jeff         | KC0UOW |
| Kevin        | K0AJB  |
| Kris         | KCOREO |
| Kurt         | KD0SEE |
| Leonard      | KE0BPF |
| Lou          | K0IUQ  |
| Matt         | KA0PQW |
| Mike         | N0MDC  |
| Tom          | N0UW   |
| Spencer      | KE0KTX |

**Secretary's Report** was summarized by WAOFMG via the April newsletter. Motion to approve by N0MDC, seconded by N0BKJ. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report** was updated by N0MDC. Motion to approve by N0BKJ, seconded by KC0UOW. Motion carried.

**Skywarn Report:** Updated by N0UW, No new activity. Tuesday meeting at the Fire Hall. [www.steelecountyskywarn.org](http://www.steelecountyskywarn.org)

**CERT:** Updated by N0BKJ, Observed a drill in Jordan. Check the website for details and news.

<http://www.steelecountyemergency.com/cert>

**Repeater Report:** Updated by N0UW, continuing to work on the repeater move. Waiting on schedule for install. Pumped water out of conduit. THANKS to all helping with this project!!!!

**RACES & ARES:** Check the OSCAR website for events.

### **New Business:**

- The MS Tour de Minnesota bicycle ride will be looking for volunteers, and the repeater will be available for their use. July 17 & 18
- NOUW reported the old Newsletters have been deleted from the website. They are still archived, just cleaning up the website.
- NOUW had used rechargeable batteries for people interested.
- NOUW brought a "Slim-Jim" J-pole antenna he put together with a cool way to adjust.
- **Steele County Free Fair.** A committee to further investigate, discuss, and prepare ideas for this event includes: **Jeff – N0GZK; Mike – N0MDC; Ryan – KD0UVF; Tom – NOUW.** This group will meet and discuss ideas and bring them forth to the club. NOUW secured a 1x1 special event call sign. Need to decide if to pursue or drop the idea for this year.
- **Field Day:** Reported by N0MDC that the site we have used the last 3 years south of Willow Creek School (now called something else) has been secured
  - Porta-potty and picnic tables being reserved
  - Invites to local community members will be done
  - Announcements on local radio and newspaper is being followed up on
  - EOC trailer is being reserved
  - K0BDD has volunteered to chef duties. THANKS!
  - Flyers will be available to distribute
  - Discussed club Roan 25 tower and 40 meter vertical and other antenna options.
  - Would be advantageous to inventory club stock and determine if we should purchase any needed supplies such as coax, etc.
  - The more people get involved the better it is! Many hands make light work – come out and help 😊
  - Think about what radios and antennas you will be bringing.
  - FIELD DAY IS FOR FUN, CONTACTS, RADIO TESTING, FRIENDS, FUN, AND OF COARSE – FOOD!
- New ham, KE0RMR on the radio. Say "hi" if you hear her.

**Club dues of \$15 are due in January of 2018. Thanks!** (Extra donation to the repeater fund are always appreciated) Current paid membership number is 28.

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting by KE0FQM, seconded by KE0FWN. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:31am.

**Website:** The site is continually being updated. Check often for the latest information. [www.oscarmn.org](http://www.oscarmn.org)

Respectfully submitted by WA0FMG.