

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:

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

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

Respectfully submitted by WA0FMG.