

OSCAR Meeting – May 14, 2022

Meeting Minutes

The next OSCAR meeting is **Saturday June 11, 2022**, the second Saturday of the month. The June meeting will be held at **9:00am at The Kitchen** restaurant located at 329 Cedar Ave N.

May 14, 2022, Attendees:

Bill	WA0FMG
Dale	WB0PKG
Dave	KC0UVY
Dennis	KF0HOI
Jeff	KC0OUW
Jon	NOJSA
Katy	KE0MQX
Ken	NOHMD
Kris	KCOREO
Larry	KROK
Mike	N0MDC
Rich W	NV0C
Tom	N0UW

The meeting was called to order at 9:03am by President WB0PKG.

Secretary's Report was summarized by WA0FMG via the April 9th minutes. Motion to approve by N0MDC, seconded by KC0OUW. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report was updated by KE0MQX. Confirmed by WA0FMG. Motion to approve by NV0C, seconded by KC0OUW. Motion carried.

Sunday night NET - Join in - try it! The preamble is on the website.

Repeater Report: Updated by N0UW and WB0PKG. Repeater operating at low power. Tom & Dale spent about 6 hours at the hut, troubleshooting, draining the hardline conduit, trying this, testing that. The power supply is solid, duplexer is good. The antenna is a single stick, about 2 years old. Hard line was existing. Noticed a voltage drop in the fuse block, the repeater SWR on feed line was 1.3. About twelve feet up was a support bracket, took it apart, cleaned it, replaced a clamp. Looking into adding a separate ground wire. **Thanks for the hard work**, & to all the members who keep the repeater and Echolink going!

CERT: N0UW reported nine graduates from the class. Great job all those who helped! There may be a fall class. A small crew went to Taopi to assist in the tornado cleanup. Check the website and the CERT Facebook page for news. <http://www.steelecountyemergency.com/cert>

RACES & ARES: No report. Check the OSCAR website for more information

Skywarn Report: KCOUVY updated, the last storm group was at night, so no mobile spotters were activated. SAFETY FIRST ALWAYS. Interesting information regarding G2 & G3 NROT radar, discussion about updating the control center in the Fire Hall. Thanks Dave! Check the website or Facebook page for more details. www.steelecountyskywarn.org The 145.490 is the Skywarn frequency being utilized. The old alert system has been discontinued , the new one is Everbridge – sign up if you are not being alerted and want to be.

Business:

- Check all of your badges, if they do not have a date, or are over 3 years old, you need to apply for a new one. Now is a suitable time to get everything in order. Email NOUW at oscarhamradio@gmail.com
- Mike NOMDC will be the lead for Field Day. Thanks Mike!!! Contact him to help – GET INVOLVED. Same sight as the last several years - McKinley School. (former Willow Creek School). City has approved the permit. Press releases done.
- Brian is unable to coordinate food this year, so we will look at options for Saturday lunch, Saturday supper, and Sunday breakfast - to be determined.
- The City does not rent or supply picnic tables. Looking into options. Contact Mike if you have tables you can bring.
- **NEW software – be sure you have the latest version loaded on your PC**, KCOREO will coordinate Wi-Fi, start thinking about who’s bringing what for rigs and antennas. We will be using the Club call sign this year – KOHNY.
- FIELD DAY is always the last full weekend in June. (the 25th and 26th this year)
- **KOHNY will be our call sign.**
- Discussion about announcements / member information, etc. Decided that only amateur radio information will be disseminated by the Club via email, website, social media.
- Don’t forget to tip your hard-working wait staff and kitchen help. We’re all in this together!

Motion to adjourn by N0MDC, seconded by KCOUOW. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 am.

Respectfully submitted by WA0FMG.

Roundtable discussion followed. Thanks!

Website: The site is continually being updated. Check often for the latest information. www.oscarmn.org

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