

OSCAR Meeting - April 11, 2026

Meeting Minutes

The Next OSCAR meeting is Saturday May 9, 2026, the second Saturday of the month.

April 11, 2026, Attendees:

Ahern	KFORFR
Dale	WBOPKG
Dennis	KF0HOI
Ken	NOHMD
Kevin S	K0GNH
Kyle	KF0POS
Mike B	KE0CMY
Mike C	N0MDC
Scott	K0VO
Tom	N0UW
Wayne	KF0LVU

The meeting was called to order at 8:57 AM by KF0HOI.

The Secretary's Report was summarized by K0VO via the March minutes. Motion to approve without correction by N0MDC, seconded by KF0POS. Motion Carried.

Treasurers Report per K0GNH.

OSCAR Fund \$2,580,96 – Now at 24 paid 2026 memberships.

Repeater Fund \$1,882.69

Motion to Approve by K0VO, Seconded by KF0POS. Motion Carried.

Sunday Night NET Join in – try it! The preamble is on the website.

<http://www.oscarmn.org/Misc042.html>

Repeater Report

N0UW reports that we have acquired additional equipment from Allendale, including a Kenwood repeater and a set of cams.

BIG thanks to all who keep the repeater and Echolink Going!

CERT:

Trained on traffic control. Once again, the Steele County Free Fair is in need of volunteers to manage the public safety booth. Upcoming Meeting as scheduled.

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

Skywarn Report: 3 Comet GP9s are ready to replace the existing 20-year-old antennas. Severe weather week upcoming. Regular meeting is always on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Fire Hall at 7:00 PM. www.steelecountyskywarn.org

Business:

5 students have attended the technician class, and will be taking the test in the coming weeks. (Post-meeting update: 4 took the test and 3 passed. Per tradition, attendees who earned their license receive a complimentary OSCAR membership for the balance of 2026.)

A discussion about the cost of the lift took place. The club agrees that \$250 is a significant expense for the club, and that a motorized lift may not be in keeping with the spirit of field day. A subcommittee consisting of KF0POS, KCOREO, WB0PKG and N0UW will meet and discuss possible alternative uses of \$250 towards purchasing club equipment – specifically antennas - to offset the loss of lift functionality. K0VO made a motion to task the subcommittee, seconded by KF0HOI, which passed. The subcommittee will present their proposal at the May meeting.

Wilmar, MN has a Repeater Meeting on 4/18.

SSTV event ongoing from 4/11 until 4/14. This is on UHF, rather than VHF, and Doppler shift must be accounted for in receiving a signal.

KCOREO gave a presentation on watt meters, including several electrical boxes to measure return voltage on a feed line.

Motion to Adjourn by KFOCMY, seconded by K0VO. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 AM

Roundtable discussion followed.

Respectfully submitted by K0VO.