

SEARC May 5, 2015 Business Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM

The Treasurers report was read and approved with a balance of \$7627.40

VE test session report- Connie, WD0EYV reported four candidates passed license exams at the April test sessions. Two upgraded to General and two got their Technician licenses.

Technical Committee- Ray, WB0HHM reported that Vantek removed our broken antenna from the Menlo watertower. Our feedlines may have to be removed as well because the tower is scheduled for sandblasting and painting. He will see if Vantek can remove our feedlines if necessary. Vantek also offered us a large four bay antenna but it is uncertain if we can use it.

Ray reported that our 444.200 repeater is presently stored in a wooden box. He would like the club to get some metal shelving with casters for a more permanent and better installation. The motion was made and approved for the club to purchase metal shelving and casters.

Ray reported that the new Fusion repeater is up and running at his house on 443.325 Mhz.

NWS Dipole antenna- Bill contacted someone at the National Weather Service concerning the dipole antenna there that is sagging and lying on the roof. They said they will be happy to tighten it up if someone will supply a ladder.

Field Day- Field Day will again be on the Wild Water West grounds on June 27 & 28, 2015. Connie agreed to contact KELO for publicity but would like someone to write up what to tell them. It was suggested to use a driven element from one of the club's beams as a rotating dipole for the GOTA station.

OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) course- The club decided we should give an introductory class about amateur radio and then possibly direct anyone interested to one of our Technician Licensing Course.

Canaries Non-Profit Night- Will, KE0Z, agreed to keep in contact with the Sioux Falls Canaries so that we can participate in their Non-Profit Night like we did last year. We missed the boat on a similar event with the Sioux Falls Stampede in March.

ARES- Net control needed for June. ARES nets are on the third Thursday of the month at 7 PM on the 444.200 repeater. For the May meeting we will do a tour of the South Dakota Air National Guard comms on Wednesday, May 27. We will meet at 6:15 at the Emergency Management Building then carpool to the base. Anyone interested needs to register in advance at, <http://www.seares.org>. Click on 'Resources' then 'Event Sign-up'.

Will, KE0Z, is collecting for a bulk order of ARES high visibility vests and hats.

Sioux Falls Foundry- The SFF is doing a course on Arduino kits on Saturday, May 30, 10 AM until 4 PM at The South Dakota Technology Business Center 2329 N. Career Ave. They would like our help in teaching basic electronics and circuit bread boarding. George, WD0GNE and some others agreed to help out.

Tailgate Swapfest- The fest is scheduled for July 18. Approval to use the Larry's Truck stop parking lot again has been obtained \$150 was appropriated for door prizes. The grand prize is a 220 mhz and 440 mhz handheld. We plan to purchase an Alpha Delta DX-CC multiband antenna for the club along with the purchase of the door prizes.

May net control is Dr. Tom, NI0I with Dustin, KD0QYR as back-up. Ray, WB0HHM agreed to do the first Saturday Trader's net.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

