



## September 2011 Newsletter

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### **NEXT MEETING**

Saturday Sept. 10th - Foxhunt @ 1:00pm  
Potluck Picnic and Meeting @ 5:00pm  
at Lafayette Park - Austin, MN

## *Minutes to the August 6th AARC Meeting*

President Tom KC0VII called the meeting to order at 9 am, August 6 MCHS Admin Building with a roll call of; Tom KC0VII, Al N0RZO, Dean KA0RMP, Hayward Mike KC0YQU, Brownsdale Mike KC0AAB, Vince KC0NPG, Albert Lea Dick KC0CGS, Vern KB0ZBU, Don KC0CFS, Ruth KC0WPU, Glenn KD0GNF, Mary KB0SVG and John KB0SPM.

Motion to approve August Secretary Report was made by Al N0RZO, 2nd by Vince KC0NPG. Motion approved.

Motion to approve August Treasurer Report was made by Glenn KD0GNF, 2nd by Vern KB0UZO. Motion approved.

Discussion: Volunteers are needed to man W0AZR radio station located at the MCHS Communications building. The station will have UHF/VHF and HF rigs using the antenna trailer to its best potential in a limited real estate area. The "shack" will be open from noon to 8 pm Tuesday through Sunday. A roster of vol's to work at the MCHS parking lot was published.

Discussion: The tone board in the 47 repeater needs to be added. Lightning knocked out the he APRS digipeater during a June thunderstorm but electricity was restored/reset and no damage was done to the unit.

Motion: Brownsdale Mike KC0AAB made a motion to purchase a tone board for the 47 repeater at a cost of approx. \$120; Glenn KD0GNF 2nd the motion. Motion approved. Project supervisors: Al N0RZO and Tom KC0VII.

Discussion: Serious consideration should be given to the idea of buying a new repeater to replace the 20+ year old 73 unit. Estimated replacement cost is approx. \$1100. Note: the 47 and 73 repeaters are operational.

Fox Hunt and Picnic is being planned for September 10 from 1 pm to 5 pm at Austin's Lafayette Park. Mary KB0SVG is in charge of securing the pavilion reservation (\$35) with the Austin Park and Rec. Invitations to area radio clubs to join this fun event was approved.

Members stayed after the meeting to raise the antenna mast and secure the guy-lines.

Next radio club meeting will be 5 pm, September 10 at Lafayette Park after the picnic. Ruth made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tom KC0VII 2nd it. Motion approved.

With peace and harmony prevailing, the meeting adjourned at 10 am.

**Submitted by Dean Johnson, KA0RMP AARC Secretary**

## *Treasurer's Report*

### **GENERAL FUND**

Balance 07/03/11	1,782.48
Dues Paid	+000.00
Deposit	+000.00
Expenses	- 35.00
Balance 07/03/11	\$1747.48

Expenses were to the park and rec for reservation of Lafayette park for September Picnic and fox hunt.

### **MAINTENANCE FUND**

Balance 07/03/11	\$2,790.22
Dues Paid	+00.00
Deposit	+ 00.00
Donations & Interest	+00.00
Expenses	-00.00
Balance 09/02/11	\$2,790.22

**Submitted by KB0SVG Mary Nystrom AARC Treasurer**

## *Don't Forget About the Aluminum Collection Fund Raiser*

Still ongoing, club members and friends of the AARC, are collecting aluminum in forms of cans or other scrap. This is an easy way for a simple fund raiser for the club. The aluminum can be dropped off with Mary (Club Treasurer) KB0SVG at 809 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. Mary will take the accumulated aluminum over to Jennings Scrap Yard and then deposit the money in our club bank account. So please help out. So far Jan W0LUX, Bob K0IHV, Mary KB0SVG (also Mary's neighbors – Juan, Casey and Daisy), Jay KC0HXM, Erv WB0LSG and John KB0SPM have dropped off aluminum.

## *AARC Recommended Nets*

Sunday Night – Austin 146.730 FM Net - 7:00pm CDT  
Sunday Night – Owatonna 145.490 FM Net - 7:30pm CDT  
Sunday Night – Albert Lea 146.880 FM Net - 8:00pm CDT  
Sunday Night – Austin 50.400 AM Rag Chew Net - 8:30pm CDT  
Sunday Night – Northern Lights 144.260 USB Net – 9pm CDT  
Sunday Night – Rochester 146.820 FM Net – 9pm CDT  
Monday Night – North Iowa Net 147.315 FM Net – 6:30pm CDT  
Tuesday Night – Austin 28.410 USB Rag Chew Net - 7:00pm CDT  
Tuesday Night – Rochester 28.325 USB Rag Chew Net - 8:00pm CDT  
Wednesday Night – 144.230 USB Activity Net – 9:00pm CDT

**Austin, Albert Lea and Owatonna Sunday VHF Nets are accessible through the KAØPQW 224.64 repeater (tone 110.9) in Ellendale, MN.**

*For everyone that didn't know, Al NØRZO fractured his leg during the take down operation of the tower trailer on the Monday after the Fair. He is now wearing a cast and convalescing. It will be a 6 week recovery period. That is all the details at this time.*

### *Upcoming Events*

December --- Club Election of Officers  
January --- Annual Christmas Party

## CLUB OFFICERS

President --- Tom Crowley KC0VII  
Vice President --- Mike Hansen KC0YQU  
Secretary --- Dean Johnson KA0RMP  
Treasurer, Club Trustee & MN Repeater Council Liaison --- Mary Nystrom KB0SVG

### **VOLUNTEERS involved with other CLUB DUTIES**

Tower Trailer Maintenance --- Mike KC0AAB  
Webmaster & Club Advisor --- Al NØRZO  
Red Cross Liaison --- Vince KC0NPG  
Legal Advisor --- Pete KF0GV  
Newsletter Editor & HF Net Control --- John KB0SPM  
VHF Net Control --- Carl WA0RLY  
Downtown Repeater Site Control Operator --- Jay KC0HXM  
Volunteer Examiner Liaison --- Mike KC0AKT

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