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W0AZR Austin AMATEUR RADIO Club SPAMTOWN USA

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Christmas Party – Saturday January 7th

At the Crane Chapel – 5:30pm Social Time

Meal to be Served by Hy-Vee Catering at 6:00pm

Minutes of the AARC December 3, 2011 Meeting

President Tom KC0VII called the meeting to order at 7pm in the American Red Cross building. Attendance: Al N0RZO, John KB0SPM, Carl WA0RLY, Hayward Mike KC0YQU, Don KC0CSF, Mary KB0SVG, Larry KC0VII, Vince KC0NPG, Albert Lea Dick KC0CSG, Dean KA0RMP, Denny KD0CSY, Glenn KD0GNF, Ray KG0UG, Vern KB0ZBU. A quorum is present.

The November meeting minutes were approved and the November Treasurers report increased approximatey $35 from monies received for sale of donated aluminum cans and deposited in the General Fund.

Project: Vern KB0ZBU made a motion for the club to purchase 2 weatherproof 12v winches rated at least 2000 pound lift capacity, costing about $80 each, to be installed on the club antenna tower. One winch will be used to raise the tower from its horizontal on the trailer to vertical (upright) position. The other winch will be raise and lower the towers 20 foot sections. Motion seconded by Glenn KD0GNF; motion approved.

Vince KC0PNG made a motion to buy 100 feet of aviation cable to replace the old the old winch cable. Seconded by John KB0SPM; motion approved.

Glenn is designated project manager to oversee the purchase and installation of the winches and cable. Other modification will include welding winch mounting plates to the antenna and adjust pulleys to receive new cable.

Open Discussion: Equipment insurance coverage for repeaters, club equipment; personal insurance during club sponsored functions. John KB0SPM and Mary KB0SVG will contact insurance companies and ARRL.

Christmas Party / Winter will be held January 7 starting at 5:30 pm in Crane Community Chapel; eat at approximately 6:00 pm. RSVP to Mary KB0SVG by Jan 2.

Minnesota QSO party will be February 4; Plans are being made to have two or three operating position using callsign W0AZR. Project Planners: Dean KA0RMP and John KB0SPM.

The Albert Lea Radio Club is having a fund raiser. The prize is a newer model lap top computer, drawing will be held January 20, cost is $5 per ticket. For tickets see Hayward Mike KC0YQU or Albert Lea Dick KC0CGS.

Election of Officers for 2012: President Hayward Mike KC0YQU; Vice President Al N0RZO; Treasurer Mary BB0SVG; Secretary Dean KA0RMP. Thank you for volunteering.

Discussion: The 470 repeater is off the air due to a tone board problem; hope to have the problem corrected within 10 days according to Al N0RZO.

Carl WA0RLY acting as sales agent for equipment belonging to Erv WB0LSG: complete Kenwood TM 241A and Kenwood telephone RC-10, both complete for $100.

Al N0RZO will look into possibility of securing grants from Diamond Joe's and Hormel Foundation. New funds will be used to update aging equipment.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tom KC0VII and seconded by Hayward Mike KC0YQU. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. Next meeting will be at the Party, Jan 7.

Submitted by KA0RMP Dean A. Johnson KA0RMP / AARC Secretary

Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUND

Balance 11/26/11	$1,822.16
Dues Paid	+320.00
Deposit	+35.00
Expenses	- 453.50
Balance 01/01/12	$1,723.66

Deposit was from can donations. Expenses were for out of pocket expenses for injury at fair grounds and controller board for the 47 repeater. Dues and Christmas party money was with held per Al's request.

MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance 11/26/11	$2,790.22
Dues Paid	+00.00
Deposit	+ 00.00
Donations & Interest	+00.00
Expenses	-00.00
Balance 01/01/12	$2,790.22

Submitted by KB0SVG Mary L. Nystrom / AARC Treasurer

Upcoming Events

January --- Christmas Party
February --- Minnesota QSO Party
April --- March of Dimes Walk-a-thon
May --- Club Picnic & Fox Hunt
June --- Field Day
July --- 4th of July Parade
August --- Mower County Historical Society – Mower County Fair Station
September --- Club Picnic & Fox Hunt
December --- Club Elections

Topics for Discussion at the Meeting

Lots of Socializing by Club Members and Guests
Liability Insurance for club events
MN QSO Party February 4th
Electric Winches for the Tower Trailer & other Repairs
Fund Raiser Ideas

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) KBØSVG at 809 Tenth 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 WØLUX, Bob KØIHV, Mary KBØSVG (also Mary's neighbors – Juan, Casey and Daisy), Jay KCØHXM, Erv WBØLSG and John KBØSPM have dropped off aluminum.

For Sale

Gordy WB0QHK has lots of stuff to sell… call him at **433-9650** for details and to deal…
Butternut Vertical (almost New) --- Butternut Vertical (Used / Rebuilt)
Alpha delta DX-CC multiband inverted Vee
Yaesu FT 101EE --- Yaesu FT 401B
Several old Amateur Handbooks – from the 60's and up
Drake T-4XB Transmitter --- Drake TR4C Transceiver --- Drake MN-4 Transmatch
Johnson Viking Ranger Transmitter --- 6 Hallicrafters General Coverage Receivers

Glenn KD0GNF has the following for sale: --- Kenwood TS-940S HF Transceiver
Contact information: Glenn Ward – (507) 433-7363

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 11Ø.9) in Ellendale, MN.

CLUB OFFICERS

President --- Mike Hansen KCØYQU
Vice President & Webmaster --- Al Bush NØRZO
Secretary --- Dean Johnson KAØRMP
Treasurer, Club Trustee & MN Repeater Council Liaison --- Mary Nystrom KBØSVG

VOLUNTEERS involved with other CLUB DUTIES
Past President & Club Advisor --- Tom KCØVII
Red Cross Liaison --- Vince KCØNPG
Newsletter Editor & HF Net Control --- John KBØSPM
VHF Net Control --- Carl WAØRLY
Downtown Repeater Site Control Operator --- Jay KCØHXM
Volunteer Examiner Liaison --- Mike KCØAKT

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