



**February 2012 Newsletter  
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**Next Meeting – Saturday February 4th  
At the Mower County Red Cross Building at 9:00 am**

**UPDATE --- Club Participation  
in the Minnesota QSO Party**

**Due to unforeseen circumstances, the MN QSO Party club activity is on hold until a decision is made at the meeting on Saturday. The volunteer set-up crew is unable to perform their duties due to unforeseen circumstances. Because of this late date, a decision will be made at the club meeting on what to do as far as operating in the event as a club station. 73 de John KBØSPM**

**Minutes of the AARC January 7, 2012 Party & Meeting**

Newly elected club president Hayward Mike KC0YQU called the meeting to order at 7 pm at the community room, Crane Chapel. A quorum attendance: Al N0RZO, Vince KC0NPG, Tom KC0VII, Jan W0LUX, Bob K0IHV, Vern KB0ZBU, Dick WB0FWI, Albert Lea Dick KD0CGS, Matt KA0PQW, Ray KG0UG, John N0SMW, Linton KB0UCO, John KB0SPM, Don KC0CSF, Pete KF0GV, Ruth KC0WPU, Denny KD0CSY, Glenn KD0GNF, Mary KB0SVG, Dean KA0RMP, Steve KD0DTU, Hayward Mike KC0YQU & Carl WA0RLY.

Words of appreciation were spoken by Prez Mike to attending members who made the annual radio club party a huge success. The party started at 5:30 pm and we started eating at 6 pm. The entrees of chicken and ham was first rate, the veggies were plentiful and delicious. Apple cobbler for dessert was top-shelf. Thanks go to Mary KB0SVG for arranging the menu. Thanks to HyVee for a job well done. Thanks to all in attendance (23 club members and 12 guests).

A motion to approve December Secretary Report, as published in the newsletter, was made by Glenn KD0GNF, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve KD0DTU; motion approved. A motion to approve December Treasurer Report, as published in the newsletter, was made by Albert Lea Dick KD0CGS, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denny KD0CSY; motion approved.

Old Business: Antenna trailer rehab project. Purchase 2 winches (which includes protective plastic covers and 20 feet of battery cable) of the same brand and style as the winch Glenn showed at the last meeting and other assorted connectors and metal pieces. A motion was made by John KB0SPM and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glenn KD0GNF to purchase the specific winches. Motion approved. Project manager: Glenn KD0GNF.

Al N0RZO will supply the new aviation cable, or cable in kind, at cost price, to replace existing trailer cable. Project manager: Al N0RZO.

Insurance coverage for club equipment (repeaters, gear, etc) is estimated to cost \$109 per year through ARRL. To qualify for this rate favorable premium we must, as a club, have 51 per cent of our membership subscribing to ARRL membership. If you are not an ARRL member, please consider pledging to this organization dedicated to ham radio. When you join, please notify the club secretary so your name counted to achieving the goal of 51 per cent. The rewards of ARRL membership is well worth the investment.

A motion to purchase the ARRL insurance, when the club qualifies for preferred rates, was made by Glenn KD0GNF and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John KB0SPM. Motion approved. Project manager: Mary KB0SVG.

The February 4 Minnesota QSO Party is slated to be held at the Red Cross building if there is more interest shown. An alternative plan to setting up stations at the Red Cross would be to work from our QTH or share operating experience with Albert Lea or another nearby club.

Grant requests were submitted to Diamond Joe Casino and Hormel Foundation to replace aging repeater equipment and to reposition antennas requiring professional climbers. Spring Valley Bob K0IHV volunteered to supply name of antenna specialists that worked on the SV tower. Project manager: Al N0RZO

New Business: Vince KC0NPG is thinning out his ARRL books and magazines. This reading material is free for the asking. Also, Vince recommended reading the book "Letters of Compassion: Radio Operators in World War II".

Also, check the club web site for used equipment offered by Carl WA0RLY and Pete KF0VG.

Jan W0LUX made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruth KC0WPU. Motion approved. With peace and harmony prevailing, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

**Submitted by KA0RMP Dean A. Johnson KA0RMP / AARC Secretary**

## Treasurer's Report

### GENERAL FUND

Balance 01/01/12	\$1,723.66
Dues Paid	+00.00
Deposit	+00.00
Expenses	- 577.48
Balance 01/29/12	\$1,146.18

Expenses were for Christmas party meal, repeater council dues, and purchase of the winches for the tower trailer.

### MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance 01/01/12	\$2,790.22
Dues Paid	+00.00
Deposit	+ 00.00
Donations & Interest	+00.00
Expenses	-00.00
Balance 01/29/12	\$2,790.22

Submitted by KB0SVG Mary Nystrom / AARC Treasurer

## Topics for Discussion at the Meeting

Liability Insurance for club events

MN QSO Party Participation

Tower Trailer Modifications & other Repairs & Need for Volunteers for this project

Fund Raiser Ideas

## Upcoming Events

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

## 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 Tenth Avenue SE, here in Austin. 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, Don KC0CSF, Mary KB0SVG (also Mary's neighbors – Juan, Cassandra and Daisy), Jay KC0HXM, Erv WB0LSG and John KB0SPM have dropped off aluminum.

## For Sale

Anyone have anything to SELL??? Let me know and I will list it in the newsletter. Sale items can also be listed on the club web-site. John KBØSPM

## 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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We welcome all to join our ranks.**