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AMATEUR RADIO
CLUB

"52 years of Ham Radio Fun and Service"

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**Next Meeting – Saturday January 9, 2010
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Happy Hour at 5:30pm / with Meal served at 6:00pm
At the CRANE COMMUNITY CHAPEL**

Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUND

Balance 11/29/09	\$1,342.17
Dues Paid	+00.00
Deposit	+00.00
Expenses	-140.00
Balance 12/31/09	\$1,202.17

Expenses – Crane Chapel Christmas Party Fee, Ray KG0UG Condolence Gift and MN Repeater Council Dues.

MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance 11/29/09	\$4,189.43
Deposit	+00.00
Donations & Interest	+00.00
Expenses	-00.00
Withdrawal	-00.00
Balance 12/31/09	\$4,189.43

Submitted by KB0SVG Mary Nystrom / AARC Treasurer

Minutes to the December Meeting

The meeting was brought to order by Al NORZO at 7:00 pm with 19 members in attendance. The Minutes to the November meeting and the November Treasurer's Report were approved --- motion by Jan WOLUX / seconded by Steve KD0DTU / unanimous vote.

A discussion to set the dues for 2010 was accomplished --- Bob K0IHV made a motion to set the dues at \$20 and put all in the General Fund / seconded by Steve KD0DTU / approved by unanimous vote.

A discussion about the club covering the dues for Mike KC0AAB and his son Dillon KD0DTX for all of their work done to the tower trailer --- motion by Steve KD0DTU / seconded by Denny KD0CSY / approved by unanimous vote.

A discussion about the club covering the dues for Rick KB0UCN for storing the tower trailer in his farm building --- motion by Mike KC0AAB / seconded by Steve KD0DTU / passed by unanimous vote.

A key up, drop out and kerchunk problem with the 47 repeater was discussed. Al NORZO said that he would check the squelch level and turn it up if it was needed. Otherwise, we can turn on a 100hz tone and add an announcement on the machine with the I.D.er announcing the tone.

Vince KC0NPG discussed the Red Cross disaster drill and talked about an Action Pack that everyone could prepare --- Map, Vest, Flashlight etc.

We have problems with our website and are looking for volunteers to help rebuild or redo it. The present website was hacked into and messed up.

Al NORZO discussed the laminated city/county maps he created --- Steve KD0DTU made a motion to print up another dozen or 2 of the maps / seconded by Vince KC0NPG / approved by unanimous vote.

John KB0SPM requested that the club purchase a dozen PL259's for repair of the tower trailer coax cables --- motion by Rich KB0NCE / seconded by Steve KD0DTU / approved by unanimous vote.

All Christmas details were completed and set for January 9, 2010.

Ray KG0UG lost his mother --- Jan WOLUX made a motion to give Ray a condolence gift of a \$50 Hy-Vee gift certificate from the club / seconded by Mike KC0YQU / approved by unanimous vote.

NEXT came the elections.

Bob K0IHV made a motion to nominate Tom KC0VII for President which was seconded by Jan WOLUX. Bob K0IHV made a motion to close nominations which was seconded by Jim KC0EQY. The vote was unanimous for Tom KC0VII for President.

Vince KC0NPG made a motion to nominate Mike KC0YQU for Vice President which was seconded by Bob K0IHV. Bob K0IHV made a motion to close nominations which was seconded by Steve KD0DTU. The vote was unanimous for Mike KC0YQU for Vice President.

Mike KC0YQU made a motion to nominate Dean KA0RMP for Secretary which was seconded by Tom KC0VII. Bob K0IHV made a motion to close nominations which was seconded by Steve KD0DTU. The vote was unanimous for Dean KA0RMP for Secretary.

Mike KC0YQU made a motion to nominate Mary KB0SVG for Treasurer which was seconded by Rich KB0NCE. Rich KB0NCE made a motion to close nominations which was seconded by Steve KD0DTU. The vote was unanimous for Mary KB0SVG for Treasurer.

Mary KB0SVG made a motion that the club purchase 20 gift cards at \$10 each to be used as door prizes at the Christmas Party / seconded by Mike KC0AAB / approved by unanimous vote.

Further general discussions were made --- club members are showing interest in additional Vests and Caps, further research on this --- Setup a Skywarn Class for March (Erv WB0LSG will contact Todd Shea) --- Dean KA0RMP thinks the club needs an Entertainment Chairman --- tentative approval was made for club T-shirts (Blue with White Lettering)

Jan W0LUX made a motion to adjourn and Steve KD0DTU seconded with unanimous approval.

Submitted by John KB0SPM / Retiring AARC Secretary

Christmas Party Details

The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday January 9, 2010 at the Crane Community Chapel. Social Hour at 5:30pm and the meal will be served at 6:00pm. The Meal will be catered by Hy-Vee and the cost of the Meal will be approximately \$11.00, unless of course you have paid your dues then it will be FREE. Anyone wishing to go to the Christmas Party, please contact Mary KB0SVG by phone at 433-9654 to sign up. Sign up deadline is Wednesday January 6, 2010.

Thoughts from the former Club Secretary

After being Club Secretary / Newsletter Editor for almost 7 years all by my lonesome, I feel relieved to have somewhat of a break. I will still be newsletter editor but am always in search of other members that are willing to assist me. I was looking through past newsletters to find the exact time when I took over and Bill AC0W moved on (I don't know how many years Bill was Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor) but in the February 2003 newsletter he bid his farewell to the club to get more involved with family and other radio interests. So I am 1 month short of 7 years. I also would like to thank AI NORZO for his willingness to be club President for the past 5 years. He helped the club tremendously with his used computer fundraisers. We are sitting good financially because of his ideas and helpfulness.

Now on to the newest group of club officers and please don't forget to help them as much as you can... tnx es 73 de John KB0SPM

Presenting the AARC Club Officers for 2010

President --- Tom Crowley KC0VII

Vice President --- Mike Hansen KC0YQU

Secretary --- Dean Johnson KA0RMP

Treasurer --- Mary Nystrom KB0SVG (7 year hold over)