



Anoka County Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2013

Board Members Present:

Bob Cordell KBØGIP
Dan Peitso NØPIY
Jeremiah Bohn KCØFUI

Members Present:

Al Schwarz AE0AL
Pete Alcock KB0KHZ
Matt Magdefrau N2PSR
Annette Larson KB1UOG
Chuck Howard KD0ORK
James Langan KC0QE1
Wayne Johnson KD0PDM
Paul Bushouse NØTYE
Greg Howell KDØRWW
Kay Howell
Ann Foster K0ANN
Dan Fish KB0XC

Guests Present:

Mary Cordell

Called to order by the President at 7:19 p.m. 

Treasurer's Report: The balance is \$1188.80 as of this meeting. Accepted and Approved.

Secretary's Report: Accepted and Approved.

VE Report: not available.

Old Business:

- At this time, we do **not** have rooms confirmed at either Blaine City Hall or the Blaine Baseball Complex for club meetings/events this year; more information as it becomes available.
- We have been invited to work Fete Des Lacs again this year.
- We have been contacted about Blue Heron Days- not sure what we would do there.
- There has been talk about ACRC assisting with the Coon Rapids festivities this summer.
- Bob is working on a receive site SW of Bradford on a 140 foot silo; more info as it becomes available.
- Bob has acquired some commercial-grade radios to add to the repeater system. He suggests we use TV splitters on the receive end.
- Bob is considering an Extra license class; this will depend on how much interest he gets by next month's meeting. Likely to be held at Centerville City Hall. He is also considering a new Technician class.
- Christmas Party recap- we made approx. \$30 on the party- breaking even is a wonderful thing!! Bob apologized for the flashlight-wielding youngsters.

- All QSLs from Halloween are on the website- check them out!! Anoka was quite pleased with our participation.


New Business:

- St. Cloud Hamfest on Feb. 16- they have a Mosely TA-33 as well as some other gear they'd like to sell; see Bob for details.
- AERO I class on Saturday, Feb. 9. 8 AM -12 PM. The Maple Grove radio club is sponsoring the class. AERO II class will be on Saturday, Feb. 16 in the afternoon. See Dan Peitso N0PIY for more details.
- We will be having a presentation from Dan Fish, KB0XC in the second half of the meeting on the new Chinese radios in the market.

Nominations for Offices:

The February General Meeting will be the election for next year's Club board. Open offices are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Member-At-Large. Nominees from the floor include:

Shawn Rung K0SMR for President and Vice President;
Jim Langan KC0QE for President and Vice President;
Bob Cordell KB0GIP for President and Vice President;
Annette Larson KB0UOG for Member-At-Large;
Dan Peitso N0PIY for Treasurer;

Adjourned at 8:50 p.m. 



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General Meeting Minutes

Feb 1, 2013

Board Members Present:

Bob Cordell KBØGIP
Shawn Rung K0SMR
Dan Peitso N0PIY
Jeremiah Bohn KC0FUI
Jeremy Amundson KD0BOC

Members Present:

Pete Alcock KB0KHZ
Mary Cordell
Chuck Howard KD0ORK
James Langan K0QEI
Ann Foster K0ANN
Shep Shepardson K0NMZ
Annette Larson KB1UOG
Matt Magdefrau N2PSR
Wayne Johnson KD0PDM

Guests Present:

Called to order by the President at 7:21 p.m. 

Treasurer's Report: The balance is \$592.12 as of this meeting. Accepted and Approved.

Secretary's Report: Accepted and Approved.

VE Report: Candidates: Technician License Granted; General License Granted; Extra License Granted. Congratulations!

Old Business:

- We received a letter from the City of Moundsview regarding placing equipment (the 220 MHz repeater) back on the water tower. They require a plan to be submitted before a permit will be issued, and then a pre-installation meeting. To our knowledge, the repeater is still the property of the twins- they have not responded to correspondence from the club. Further, the City is requiring that the plan be approved by a structural engineer and be installed by a licensed contractor- which would not be cheap. Shep feels the project would be cost-prohibitive, and that we should make arrangements to return it to the owners. We could also seek to put up a single stick antenna and use the site as a receive site for the 167 repeater. Lively discussion followed. The Club took a vote and decided to draft a letter to the City stating that we would like to keep our options open, and please bear with us.

- Insurance – we have asked ARRL and the insurance company for more details on our insurance policy; we await details.

- Skywarn – We do not yet have details on when and where classes will be this spring – more info as we get it.

- VE Exams – we have not received confirmation on the rooms and dates for 2013 from Capt. Fenner or Blaine Public Works; we are assuming they are OK until further notice.

- The Club needs to consider events for the coming year. We currently are involved in:

- Blaine's Blazin' Fourth (BB4);
- Fete des Lacs;
- Lino Lakes Elementary School 5K run (Cinco de Mayo);

- Field Day;
- Halloween Special Event Station;

BB4 history/future discussion followed. Motion made: It is the consensus of membership at this time that if we do not receive a request for our services within a reasonable timeframe before the Blaine's Blazin' Fourth events on Field Day Weekend, we will be unavailable to perform and will not schedule personnel to help with the event. Passed unanimously.

Lino Lakes Elementary School 5K run (Cinco de Mayo)- they have contacted Bob about our participation- first weekend in May.

Lino Lakes American Legion has contacted Bob about the Club working events for Blue Heron Days. Bob thinks they may be over-covered for this event, however.

Fete des Lacs is the last weekend in July.

- Next Board Meeting is Feb. 19 at the Centerville City Hall.
- AERO I class at Maple Grove Station 2 on Saturday, Feb. 9, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, with the graduation exercise on Feb. 16 from 1:00 – 6:00 PM. Dan needs people!!
- St. Cloud Hamfest on Feb. 16- they have a Mosely TA-33 as well as some other gear they'd like to sell; see Bob for details.
- **ELECTIONS TONIGHT** The February General Meeting will be the election for next year's Club board. Open offices are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Member-At-Large.

Nominations include:

From the 1/4/13 General Meeting:

Shawn Rung K0SMR for President and Vice President – unable to run for President by virtue of office;

Jim Langan KC0QEI for President and Vice President;

Bob Cordell KB0GIP for President and Vice President – declined VP;

Annette Larson KB1UOG for Member-At-Large;

Dan Peitso N0PIY for Treasurer;

From tonight's meeting:

Jim Langan KC0QEI for Member-At-Large;

Dana Johnson KD0NJD for Vice-President;


Results:

Annette Larson KB1UOG - Member-At-Large;

Shawn Rung K0SMR - Vice President;

Bob Cordell KB0GIP - President

New Business:

Adjourned at 9:00 p.m. 



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March 1, 2013

Board Members Present:

Bob Cordell KBØGIP
Dan Peitso NØPIY
Jeremiah Bohn KCØFUI
Annette Larson KB1UOG

Members Present:

Mary Cordell
Chuck Howard KDØORK
Al Schwarz AEØAL
Shep Shepardson NØNMZ
Matt Magdefrau N2PSR
Ann Foster KØANN
Pete Alcock KBØKHZ
Jim Langan KCØQEI
Don Lisell KØBNS
Wayne Johnson KDØPDM
Dana Johnson KDØNJD
Greg Howell
Kay Howell NØQHQ
Ray Amundson WBØCKK
Alyssa Messedahl KDØUIR

Guests Present:

Called to order by the President at 7:05 p.m. 

Treasurer's Report: The balance is \$565.06 as of this meeting. Accepted and Approved.

Secretary's Report: Accepted and Approved.

VE Report: Candidates: Technician License Granted; General License Granted; Extra License Granted. Congratulations!

Old Business:

The Club is once again selling raffle tickets for a mobile radio; see Annette for tickets. The drawing will be at next week's Skywarn class.

AERO went well; this is the first time we had sessions on two weekends, and most folks seemed to like it. There were a few hiccups with frequencies, but the class went very well.

Dana handed out QSL cards for the operators who worked October's Anoka Halloween Festival special event station.

Lino Lakes Fun Run – May 4. 0630 show-up, 0700 start (tentative). Tim Neu is event chair. We are getting the "full cooperation" of the Lino Lakes PD.

We need to choose a Field Day chair, and then figure out where to hold it and how to arrange the logistics. Bob would like a summary plan by the Board meeting and ongoing status reports. Jim Langan has been nominated from the floor and has accepted; he will form a committee.

Other event ideas include: an emergency location fox hunt, club picnic/operating station, etc.

We are looking at the insurance policy with regard to coverage disclaimers that are giving the Board a bit of concern.

Moundsview site – we are likely to return the site to the City, as we do not have the money to do the work that needs doing, nor do we have a 220 MHz repeater to put there at this time. We could put up a receive site for the 146.67 MHz repeater, if we can convince the City to let us do the work ourselves.

New Business:

VE exams next Saturday, followed by Skywarn. It may be advisable to register ahead of time for the Skywarn class; look on the web.


VE finances, etc. need reviewing. Any materials/items used for VE exams are property of ARRL and must be shipped to them if the club terminates – even if they were supplied by the Club or its members.

We will possibly be having an audit with the IRS sometime in the coming year; the ARRL is being audited, and we may be checked out as part of that investigation. Also, we are required to file reports to the MN Department of Revenue this year.

Midwinter Madness is on 3/23; The ACRC VE team and friends are doing exams beginning at 0730, with doors to the flea market to open at 0800. Shep would like the setup crew onsite at 0615.

Chuck proposes an off-the-cuff “radio day” in a local park- announce the event on the repeater, and folks can show up. Bob requested he inform the Board ahead of time so that we can be sure we’re covered with insurance, etc.

Bob also suggested some work days to assemble and test the Club’s equipment and familiarize folks with what we have and what we can do with it.

Adjourned at 7:45 p.m. 



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General Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2013

Board Members Present:

Shawn Rung K0SMR
Dan Peitso N0PIY
Jeremiah Bohn KC0FUI
Jeremy Amundson KD0BOC

Members Present:

Greg Howell KD0RWM
Kay Howell
Dana Johnson KD0NJD
John Gasal KC0UUT
Wayne Johnson KD0PDM
Don Lisell K0BNS
Chuck Howard K0ORK
Matt Magdefrau N2PSR
Tim Neu KC0LQL
Tom Holleran KC0VXC
Barbara Starr KD0IDO
Al Schwarz AE0AL
Shep Shepardson N0NMZ
Ann Foster K0ANN
Jim Langan KC0QE1
Alyssa Messedahl KD0UIR
Richard Young KC0WJE
Ray Amundson WB0CKK

Guests Present:

Ryan Mehle KD0UPS

Called to order by the Vice President at 7:03 p.m. 

Treasurer's Report: The balance is \$883.10 as of this meeting. We made approx. \$100 on the latest radio raffle. Accepted and Approved.

Secretary's Report: Accepted and Approved.

VE Report: The Buffalo hamfest went very well. 12 VEs, 15 Candidates: 4 Technician Licenses Granted; 2 General Licenses Granted; 2 Extra Licenses Granted. Congratulations!

Old Business:


- Lino Lakes 5K: There was a meeting this morning. The event on Saturday, May 4, will run similarly to last year, with some new additions including the new Lino Lakes PD dog doing demonstrations and car seat installation demonstrations. The committee is expecting around twice as many people as last year. The Lino Lakes CERT team has expressed interest in working with us to learn what we do for events like this. They are not very experienced but enthusiastic.

- Field Day: Our location will be at Bob's house. We will run a 2A station this year; 2 HF, 1 VHF/UHF, and a GOTA station. Dana suggested that the general membership be asked their opinion of the setup; Jim disagreed. We have power and networking being planned. The committee has a list of volunteer opportunities available to get extra points. The list will be published to the web site.

- “Fun Radio Day”: Chuck Howard K0ORK is trying to gauge interest in an informal get-together to “play radio” in a park, etc.
- The 17 meter band has been very open recently – Chuck Howard K0ORK, and Matt Magdefrau N2PSR contacted Poland, Sweden, and Italy just today!

New Business:

- Repeater: we have heard reports of ker-chunking lately. Also, we have had persons on our repeater (and other local repeaters) using false call signs. They appear to be a couple- their names are Robin (male) and Lynn (female). Please do not feed the troll. It seems to occur between 3 and 5 PM. Please send reports of problems to BoardMembers@anokaradio.org .
- Al Schwarz, AE0AL will be doing a small demo on Software Defined Radios after the meeting.
- John Gasal KC0UUT would like to see a demo on smartphone apps for ham radio. Tim Neu KC0LQL is willing to do one; Jeremiah BohnKC0FUI will bring equipment.

Adjourned at 7:47 p.m. 



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General Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2013

Board Members Present:

Shawn Rung K0SMR
Dan Peitso N0PIY
Jeremiah Bohn KC0FUI

Members Present:

Scott Hash K0BZG
Chuck Howard K0ORK
Dana Johnson KD0NJD
Matt Magdefrau N2PSR
Ann Foster K0ANN
Shep Shepardson N0NMZ

Ryan Mehle KD0UPS
Wayne Johnson KD0PDM
Tom Holleran KC0VXC
John Gasal KC0UUT
Bill McCrackin K9WHM
Tim Neu KC0LQL

Guests Present:

Don Fuchs KD0TXD

Called to order by the Vice President at 7:08 p.m. 

Treasurer's Report: The balance is \$537.24 as of this meeting. We invested in two more radios to raffle off, at approximately \$135 each. Accepted and Approved.

Secretary's Report: Accepted and Approved.

VE Report: There were 8 VEs attending. 5 Candidates: 3 Technician Licenses Granted; 0 General Licenses Granted; 2 Extra Licenses Granted. Congratulations! The next session will be on May 11.

Old Business:

Field Day: The committee would like to hold a vote about what size station we should run. There was some discussion on how this should be carried out, and if it needs to be done tonight or at the June meeting. There was a bit of disagreement at the last meeting regarding the suggestion by Jim Langan K0QE1 that we run a 2A station and disallow club members from bringing their own equipment. Shawn asked who will be handling QSL cards. Tim has three laptops ready for logging at present. Volunteers are needed for: sending a message to the Section Manager, satellite QSOs, copying W1AW bulletins, educational activities, served agency and elected official visits, point compiling and web submission, and youth participation.

BB4: We have received a formal request from Capt. Kerry Fenner at Blaine PD for help with the BB4 festivities. The parade is on June 29th, the run is on June 30th, and the fireworks are on July 4th. We have not heard yet from Anoka County RACES, whom we would be working under.


Fete Des Lacs: Fireworks on July 26th; 5K and parade July 27th.

Play Day in the Park: June 1st 11 AM - ?, at Long Lake Regional Park in New Brighton. Talk-in on the 146.67 repeater. Bring your HF gear, get set up, and let's make some QSOs!! Bring your own food, beverages, etc. See Chuck Howard K0ORK with questions.

Lino Lakes 5K: May 4. Setup at 6:45 AM. We will have some people from Lino Lakes CERT there assisting us and learning what we do. Tim Neu is coordinating this event.

New Business:

Kirk from Radio City went SK this morning. No further news at this time.

Adjourned at 7:48 p.m. 



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General Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2013

Board Members Present:

Bob Cordell KBØGIP
Shawn Rung K0SMR
Dan Peitso N0PIY
Jeremiah Bohn KC0FUI

Members Present:

Scott Hash KC0BZG
Al Schwarz AE0AL
Tim Neu KC0LQL
Chrissy Neu KC0OKE
Ann Foster K0ANN
Jim Langan K0QE1
Matt Magdefrau N2PSR
Barbara Starr KD0IDO
Crystal Pierce KD0VEV

Guests Present:

Called to order by the President at 7:06 p.m.



Treasurer's Report: The balance is \$785.17 as of this meeting. We sold 43 tickets for the last raffle and made approximately \$35 profit. The phone bill will increase by \$1/month starting in July, bringing it to approximately \$29.50/month. Accepted and Approved.

Secretary's Report: Accepted and Approved.

VE Report: None this month.

Old Business:

Fete Des Lacs – Fireworks on July 26th; 5K and parade July 27th. We will be involved with traffic management for the parade teardown; there are changes this year. The city and the police department are hoping for a lot of volunteers this year!

Please have a look at the information we received and posted re: VHF opportunities this year.

BB4 – we need volunteers to work the parade, fireworks, and run. Shawn Rung will be the liaison for the parade, Jeremiah Bohn will be the liaison for the run, and Dan Peitso will be the liaison for the fireworks. Please note a policy change – the liaison will be the only ACRC personnel talking with RACES regarding the event; other ACRC members will be working through the liaison.

Bob has looked into options for ordering shirts – we can get t-shirts for approx. \$15, and golf shirts for approx. \$32 - depending on size and number of units ordered. Please note that these are very rough estimates, not any sort of final numbers.

Play Day last Saturday – folks made some contacts and had fun. Chuck Howard K0ORK worked some ships who were participating in a special event.


Field Day report from Jim Langan K0QE1, Field Day Chairperson –

- We will be at Bob's house.
- We will have an RV for HF, and tents for CW and VHF/UHF.
- Local talk-in on 145.520 simplex and on the 147.67 repeater.

- GOTA will be handled by Annette Larson KB1UOG and Al Schwarz AE0AL.
- Antennas – we will use the existing tower and the tower trailer for HF, and wire antennas elsewhere as needed.
- Power – Chuck Howard will be bringing two generators.
- Computers will be provided by Tim Neu KC0LQL and Chuck Howard.
- Extra points – 100% emergency power; media publicity; public information table; message handling; satellite QSOs; copying W1AW bulletins, alternative power, educational activities, etc. We still need volunteers to coordinate all of these.
- Please note new parking guidelines.
- Food – The Neu's will bring a grill and some meat; folks should bring a dish to share. Dinner will be at 6 PM on Saturday.
- Bob reiterated that the property carries no insurance; this would be the same anywhere we did it.
- Hands-on demo ideas – Crystal Pierce KD0VEV suggested electromagnets (nail/wire type). Other ideas were Morse Code, making simple flashlights, etc. Shawn will run the demo – simple flashlights. The demo will be at 2 PM on Sat.
- Jim is arranging for a wheelchair-accessible portable lavatory.
- Setup – Friday evening beginning at 6 PM.
- Signage – Tim Neu suggested fewer signs, but better ones.

New Business:

Christmas Party (!) – we need to start planning now. Venue? Entertainment? Other stuff? Volunteer chairperson (hint, hint)? Chrissy Neu will call around and check on prices.

Adjourned at 8:25 p.m. 



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General Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2013

Board Members Present:

Bob Cordell KBØGIP
Shawn Rung K0SMR
Dan Peitso N0PIY
Jeremiah Bohn KC0FUI

Members Present:

Chuck Howard K0ORK
Matt Magdefrau N2PSR
Tom Holleran KC0NJD
Scott Hash KC0BZG
Pete Alcock KB0KHZ
Dana Johnson KD0NJD
Shep Shepardson N0NMZ
Keith Lakeman KC0ZZQ
Dick Philstrom W0TLE
John Fox W0LER
Ryan Mehle N0VS
Al Schwarz AE0AL

Guests Present:

Called to order by the President at 7:05 p.m. 

Treasurer's Report: The balance is \$971.90 as of this meeting. Accepted and Approved.

Secretary's Report: Accepted and Approved.


Old Business:

- The club is in the process of putting together an introduction/fundraising letter for the purpose of receiving grants, etc.
- The Anoka Halloween Festival would like to have us back this year. Dana Johnson KD0NJD will be the chair for this event. Bob is arranging the insurance, etc. The parade is on October 26; we will need up to 6 people for this. See below for more details.
- The Christmas party will be at Hope's Chinese again this year. Same prices as last year: \$25/single, \$40/couple, \$50/family. We will work on the room arrangement, etc. There have been threats of live music. We need to confirm the number of reservations by Thanksgiving. The party will take the place of the December club meeting.
- Centerville was pleased with our efforts around Fete Des Lacs. Good work, everyone.
- Shirts/jackets/etc. - Bob is working on pricing for ACRC polo shirts and jackets.
- From the floor: Wednesday night net – we need to set a new schedule for the net. The Board is in contact with Parry Brown KC0TWB, the current chairperson, regarding the net having not been consistently operating in recent months. Bob suggests we table this issue until next month's meeting to allow the Board to discuss the matter further with Parry.

New Business:

- From RACES via Keith Lakeman KC0ZZG: Anoka Co. now has a second D-STAR repeater; they are still finalizing where they will be placing it.

- AERO classes – AERO I on Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, AERO II on Nov. 2. Details as to location, etc. will be forthcoming.
- Clarification – the free membership for new/upgrading hams will last no less than one year; it covers “hams tested at the ACRC VE Exams until the General Membership Meeting in October, within one year after the FCC grants your license or upgrade.”
- Anoka Halloween Festival – the Festival runs from 9 AM - 3 PM; setup will be at 8 AM at Anoka High School. Parry Brown will be loaning the club an antenna; the secretary will send him a written agreement to be signed. See Dana if you would like to volunteer!!
- Receive sites – Centerville and Ham Lake are next on the agenda to be put back up. Shawn Rung is in the process of building them. We are still working on designing/procuring new enclosures for the receive sites. We are also working on putting the Blaine and Fridley sites in parallel.
- Elections – Nominations are in January; the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Board-Member-at-Large are open this year. Neither President Bob Cordell KG0BIP, nor Treasurer Dan Peitso N0PIY are eligible to run again for their respective positions.
- Play Days in the Park – Chuck Howard K0ORK would like to do some more informal events like this again in the coming months.
- Newsletter – Shawn does not have time to do this currently; volunteers would be appreciated.

Adjourned at 9:17 p.m. 



Anoka County Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2013

Board Members Present:

Bob Cordell KBØGIP
Shawn Rung KØSMR
Dan Peitso NØPIY
Jeremiah Bohn KCØFUI
Annette Larson KB1UOG

Members Present:

Chuck Howard KØORK
Al Schwarz AEØAL
Shep Shepardson NØNMZ
Keith Lakeman KCØZZQ
Scott Hash KCØBZG
Pete Alcock KBØKHZ
Matt Magdefrau N2PSR
Anne Foster KØANN
John Fox WØLER

Guests Present:

Called to order by the President at 7:09 p.m. 

Treasurer's Report: The balance is \$1,546.98 as of this meeting. Accepted and Approved.

Secretary's Report: Accepted and Approved.

Old Business:

- Shirts – Bob had his lovely models, Dan and Annette, show off the design for Club polo shirts; the shirts would run around \$35/each with our logo, name, and callsign embroidered on the shirt.
- The Halloween Festival Special Event Station went well, given the conditions – the club was conflicting with a large contest, etc. Bob was given the suggestion to do the station on Halloween night, thus allaying the contest conflict, and freeing the club to work the parade for the first time in around 20 years; this is something to think about for next year.
- Antenna – the beam antenna we have been using was bought by Parry Brown for the use of the club for Field Day a few years ago. Parry has communicated to the board that the antenna is for club use, as long as it remains under the custody and care of the club/Bob. Bob is not entirely comfortable with this arrangement. Bob informed the Club that, barring unforeseen problems, the club has a place to use for Field Day and keep antennas, etc. at his place – he also suggested the club could build a storage shed, 10x10 or so, to secure equipment in.
- Christmas Party – will be at Hope's Chinese. \$25/single; \$40/couple; \$50/family.
- ACRC Wednesday night net – Annette has worked a plan out with Parry Brown KBØTWB. Parry is the primary net control, with Chuck Howard, KØORK, as the backup; Annette Larson KB1UOG and Matt Magdefrau N2PSR are the next level of backup. Annette is looking for volunteers to be the next level(s) of backup.
- From RACES via Keith Lakeman KCØZZG: Anoka Co. now has a second D-STAR repeater; it is being put in Ramsey on a county 800 MHz tower.

New Business:

- Bob would like to thank the Club for a fantastic year. It was also an interesting year, and a dedicated year. We've come a long way, baby. We have a core membership of around 50, with more folks joining of late. Bob would like the club to know he considers them all family, and some of his closest friends. The club has built a fine reputation by our work at civic and special events, and people all over the state are taking notice.

- Elections in February – the President, VP, Treasurer, and a Board Member at Large are up for election – the President (Bob Cordell KB0GIP) and Treasurer (Dan Peitso N0PIY) are ineligible for reelection due to term limits.

- AERO – AERO I will be 2/15 and 2/22; AERO II will be 2/22 – they will be at the Ramsey County building on Plato Blvd.

Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

