

WOBXO
BROOKINGS RADIO RESEARCH CLUB
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Meeting Notes November 6th, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Bruce KE0NWX.

The Secretary's Report was covered by George KF0CCI. The Secretary's report was accepted by Dave WB0TSR and Paul KF0MRV.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Art KC0ZHE. He reported a current balance of \$2,515.02. The report was accepted by Dave WB0TSR and Paul KF0MRV.

Members Attending: 15

Old Business

Clean Club Room

An initiative to clean the club's radio room in the basement of the public safety building has been brought up. The large collection of equipment needs to be organized and inventoried, not only for the club's sake, but also in the event that FEMA requests information or returning of the equipment.

Aiden KE0WPC, Adam W0ZML, and George KF0CCI have all volunteered to take action. No exact time or date has been decided.

Roof Feed Line

The feed line going to one of the antennas on the police station roof needs repair. It was suggested that the club get a another antenna analyzer because the current analyzer is flakey and it would be good to have a second one.

Yaesu Fusion on the 94 Repeater

Matt K0BBC suggested installing a Yaesu DR-1X with the 94 repeater, allowing for the repeater to be connected to the South Dakota WIRES-X. It was brought up that the 94 repeater is currently equip with Yaesu Fusion hardware, and all that is needed is an adapter.

South Dakota QSO Party

The annual SDQP was on Saturday October 14th. There was no participation on the club's part, however, several members competed independently.

New Business

94 Repeater

The 94 repeater is in operation at Dave WB0TSR's QTH, and the antenna was recently moved further up on Dave's tower. The original plan was to move the whole repeater system to the Aurora city water tower.

Recently, news has broke that Aurora will be getting a new water tower that will replace the old one. The movement of the repeater equipment will be put on hold until a new water tower has been erected. In addition, the city has created a new liability form system that shall be utilized in the installation of the antenna on the tower.

Officer Nominations

During the November meeting, officers were nominated, and a motion was made to set the choices in stone rather than waiting until the December meeting. The motion was accepted by Alan KB0EG and Harlan KC0FLK.

Bruce KE0NWX will continue to be president, George KF0CCI will continue to be secretary, and Aiden KE0WPC will become treasurer. The new set of officers will go into effect starting at the January 2024 meeting.

Christmas Potluck

As is tradition, the radio club will get together for a Christmas potluck during the winter season. Presently, we are looking at meeting at the Midland bar in Volga, SD; and we are looking at a date of January 8th. More will be decided in the December meeting.

Transfer of Heathkit Radio

Harlan KC0FLK made a motion to give the Heathkit Apache boat anchor radio to Dave WB0TSR in exchange for the power consumed by the club's repeater, which is located at his house. The motion was seconded by Paul KF0MRV.

Meeting Finals

The next Club meeting will be Monday December 4th, 2023, starting at 7:00PM in the basement of the Brookings Public Safety Building.

The motion to end the meeting was seconded by Harlan KC0FLK and WB0TSR, and the meeting ended at 7:47 PM.

Announcements and Bulletins

W0BXO Zoom Coffee will be the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 2pm. The zoom meetings may cease during the summer and fall months.

Club Dues are due, \$20 for single membership and Family memberships are 25\$. Donations for the 94 repeaters will be accepted and are appreciated. Dues can be paid in person at any club meeting (please talk with Art or one of the club officers). You can also send dues via mail to:

Art Wilbur
P.O. Box 177
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The Club has a Hamshack Hotline bridge at 1342. Arend NK0V arranged for the bridge and it is up and running. Several members including Dave WB0TSR, Bruce KE0NWG, Todd KF0AIT, and Arend NK0V have Hamshack Hotline phones.

The SD NEO net is at 5:30 pm after the 5:30pm MN Section Net on 3.860 MHz. The ND net occurs at 5:00 pm near 3.870 MHz.

We would like to remind all members that any equipment or books borrowed from the club must be signed out upon removal. Also, a discussion on the expected time an Item is borrowed was discussed. It was determined that a time of one month would be typical but allowances can be made upon discussion with the club.

A new repeater located in Moe, SD (south of Sioux Falls). W0ZML is on 443.400 MHz, with an offset of +5.0 MHz and a transmit/receive PL tone of 146.2 Hz. It is currently analogue FM.