

WOBXO
BROOKINGS RADIO RESEARCH CLUB
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President Bruce Bortnem KE0NWX, **Secretary** George White KF0CCI, **Treasurer** Art Wilber
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Meeting Notes December 4th, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by President Bruce KE0NWX.

The Secretary's Report was covered by George KF0CCI. The report was accepted by Dave WB0TSR and seconded by Alan KB0EG.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Art KC0ZHE, who reported a current balance of \$2,555.02. The report was accepted by Dave WB0TSR and seconded by Alan KB0EG.

Members Attending: 16

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. George KF0CCI has volunteered to take action. The cleaning should occur some time in December.

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 we many only need an external box to connect it to WIRES-X.

Moving the 94 Repeater to Aurora

The 94 repeater is in operation at Dave WB0TSR's QTH. The original plan was to move the whole repeater system to the Aurora city water tower, however, news recently 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.

Officer Nominations

During the November meeting, a motion to nominate officers for the next year by Alan KB0EG and seconded by Harlan KC0FLK. Bruce KE0NWG 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.

New Business

Christmas Potluck

As is tradition, the radio club will get together for a Christmas potluck during the winter season. The Christmas potluck will occur at Midway Camp in Volga at 6:00pm on Monday January 8th, 2024. A motion to give a tip of \$50 to the bar staff was made by Dave WB0TSR and seconded by Alan KB0EG, and the motion was carried.

Feed Line & Antenna Analyzer

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. Dave WB0TSR suggested an MFJ 269pro, which would cost about \$550.

Meeting Finals

The next Club meeting will be Monday January 8th, 2024, starting at 6:00PM at Midway Camp in Volga, SD during the Christmas potluck.

The motion to end the meeting was made by Alan KB0EG and seconded by Dave WB0TSR, and the meeting ended at 7:55 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 Aiden or one of the club officers). You can also send dues via mail to:

Aiden Moechnig
19824 478th Ave.
Toronto, SD 57268

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 KE0NWX, 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.

There is 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.