

Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs
Minutes for the Club Meeting of February 2023.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm on Friday, February 3, 2023 at 418 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, IL by Roger Bassett, W9RAF, president, as the regular presiding officer of the corporation and the minutes were taken by Steve Peterson, N9OA, secretary, as the regular recording officer. In attendance were the following: W9RAF, N9OA, KB9FYL, W9BL, KC9YFI, AC9VW, KC9YFI, KA9KDC, KD9IPO, WB9FUB, N9CBA, KA3HSW, KD9TKO, KD9DJX.

Timothy Wheeler made a motion, seconded by George Henry, to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Roger Bassett made a unanimous consent request to remove "deliberate" preceding "no votes" in the motion to accept Mr. Cheney's application for membership. Motion carried as amended.

There were no reports offered by the president or secretary.

Carol Schroeder, treasurer, reported on the bank balance and that all bills are paid.

Mike Wilson submitted a written report to be read in his absence, to wit:
Items from the hamfest have been secured in the storage unit. I am looking for shelving for the storage unit to help with organization if anyone has some sturdy ones to donate.

Timothy Wheeler reported for the RAB. He indicated that absent having a meeting last quarter that the RAB is still investigating potential repeater sites and the configuration of the new repeater. That testing is entering the advanced technical stages. As always, the RAB requests to be informed if any members have potential repeater sites.

Roger Bassett reported that some are not getting the newsletter. Steve Peterson will work with Frank Krozel on a solution.

In his absence Mike Wilson previously provided a written public service/emergency committee report; to wit:

- First club public service event of the year will be the Special Olympics the weekend of April 29 and 30. We are assuming we are only needed on the 30th, but more details to follow. Please save the date!
- BOA Shamrock Shuffle is March 26. Rob Orr, K9RST, is looking for volunteers. You can email him at rob[at]rob[or]productions.com for more information.
- Other Save the dates in 2023:
 - Lombard Lilac Parade, May 21
 - BOA Chicago 13.1, June 4
 - Wheaton 4th of July Parade, July 4th
 - Tour de Cure, August 12
 - BOA Chicago Marathon, October 8

Timothy added that additional "step up" will be needed from the club for Special Olympics because he will be assuming the duties of "dad" at the event and Mike may be unavailable due to his daughter's 18th birthday.

Mike Wilson submitted a written report for interference indicating that he had no report.

Timothy Wheeler continued with the nets committee report. He indicated that the net is still called at 2000 hrs on Sunday. Considerably more check-ins were had in the count of 15 when the net was held on 440. Additional feedback was requested on moving the net to 440 on a permanent basis.

Kelsey Schroeder made her hamfest report indicating that the fairgrounds are reserved for January 14, 2024 and the contract is in hand. The 2023 hamfest was well attended and amazing. Many were impressed by the taco truck. Setup was achieved in record time – 15 minutes. We netted a loss of \$200; many considered that a win for the circumstances. We cleaned up also in record time. All of these record times were thanks to the volunteers. Tom Geletka recapped the forums. Kelsey concluded her report stating that she will be unable to chair the 2024 hamfest. Roger thanked everyone who helped out.

Timothy Wheeler reported that as field day chair, we had no official participation in Winter Field Day and that Field Day is June 24-25 and inquired about general interest in "doing one." Roger suggested doing a joint event with DuPage ARES. Timothy will present further details next month.

A motion was made by Steve Peterson, seconded by Tom Geletka, to accept the application of Bob Van Valzak, KE9YQ. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Peterson, seconded by Timothy Wheeler, to reopen the membership application for John Cheney, N9MWF. Motion carried with one opposed.

Discussion ensued on the merits and lack of merits of accepting the application. Discussion included:

- A question by Carol Schroeder regarding recourse if misconduct were to occur. Steve Peterson cited "removal of members" in the bylaws.
- Tom Geletka indicated that there is more to consider than just John's open letter to the club.
- Carol also asserted that John has personally attacked members.
- Multiple members commented on Mr. Cheney's verbal attacks.
- Roger Bassett reminded that Cheney volunteers to help the club at multiple events
- Timothy Wheeler asserted, "it is up to us." Timothy presumes that John Cheney's assistance is likely to be had whether we accept his \$13 or not.
- KD9IPO pointed out that one does not need to be a member to help out and cited his own volunteering at the hamfest.

Steve Peterson made a motion to accept the application of John Cheney, N9MWF. There were 7 ayes, 3 nays, and 2 answered the call to abstain. Steve Peterson pointed out that 8 ayes were needed for 2/3 of members present and that abstentions do not affect this fact. The president declared that the motion failed.

Roger Bassett announced that next month's program will be Randy, N9APP's presentation on his Buddy Pole antenna, and that this month's program is a "Show and Tell" April will be the annual meeting without a formal program and May would be a presentation by SATERN.

Timothy Wheeler reported that the president's position will be up for a one year finishing of the term and the positions of vice president and treasurer will be up for two year terms at the election during the annual meeting. Roger Bassett reminded members that he will not be seeking election for any office due to family matters.

As new business, Roger Bassett announced that there will be a discussion next month regarding Zoom and that there would be something sent out in the newsletter.

Timothy Wheeler made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mark Decker.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28, local time.

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/ Stephen J. Peterson, N9OA
Secretary, WCRA