

Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs Minutes - Club Meeting of October 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm, local time on Friday, October 4, 2024 by Kelsey Schroeder, KA9KDC, as the president and regular presiding officer of the club. The regular recording officer, Secretary Steve Peterson, ARS N9OA recorded the minutes. The meeting was held at the usual meeting location, 418 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois. The meeting was held as a hybrid meeting also conducted via the Zoom electronic meeting platform with the meeting being aurally and visually shared with equipment the use of which was donated by the venue.

Those in attendance were the following members, each listed by ARS callsign: KA9KDC; N9CBA; N9OA; KB9FYL; KS3HSW; WB9FUB; N9WRO, N9NYX; W9RAF; and **WD9END**, and no guests were present.

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

All in attendance introduced themselves with their name and the other customary information.

The minutes for the previous meeting were brought up for acceptance. The following corrections were requested: Joe LeFebvre reminded that he volunteered to serve as Field Day Chair and to host Field Day at his home so long as he has his two acre property. Tom Geletka made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Carol Schroeder and was carried.

Kelsey Schroeder presented her president's report such that there are no changes since last month

Neither Vice President Tom Geletka nor Secretary Steve Peterson had a report.

Carol Schroeder, treasurer, reported the bank balances and that he will be replacing a check that was sent to Don Motz that went missing.

Don Motz reported on behalf of the RAB that the 145.39 pair will be returned to the Illinois Repeater Association. He will be writing a letter to them regarding that.

Mike Wilson, CSU chair, reported that Joe LeFebvre has been making progress. Mike thanked Joe for his efforts and yielded the floor to him for a further update. Joe continued: There have been set backs, but the interior is nearly done. There is an issue with the interior light working and is having a degree of difficulty locating the problem. He is hopeful that we will be able to complete it in October at least to the point of being able to bring it outside.

Steve Peterson reported that the VE team has no report.

For public service, Mike Wilson indicated that there is a new event. The Ooh La La Chocolate run will be held on November 3. We were referred by the management of the Tour de Cure. There will be multiple mobiles and rest stop positions available.

Kelsey Schroeder states that no hamfest venue magically fell in our lap. There will not be a hamfest held in January. It was determined that a hanger at DuPage Airport is a viable option. Joe LeFebvre asked about using a high school.

Kelsey Schroeder indicated that there was no website report.

Joe LeFebvre reported that Field Day, with a minimum of a 1A class, will be held at his QTH.

Don Motz, in his new capacity as Christmas Party chair, reported that contact was made with Cooper's Corner and we are all set for December 1 at 1600 hrs. A menu with 3 options at a \$25.00 price point will be offered. Alcohol purchases will be at the individual member's expense. It was clarified that the same procedures from last year will be followed.

Kelsey Schroeder reported that club nets are held on the first, third, and fifth Sundays monthly and that a leader is still needed to coordinate the nets.

The consensus was that we want to have a holiday party. Don Motz answered the call to chair it.

Kelsey recapped the vacant committees and Tom Geletka reported that there would be a small program this evening.

As continuing business, Don Motz asked who handles the website. Kelsey Schroeder cited her hectic schedule.

For members comments, Don Motz reported that the Cantigny 5K asked for permission to use our repeater. Permission was granted.

Continuing with member comments, Bill Draheim stated that the last minutes failed to have his callsign. Steve Peterson apologized.

Finally, Tom Geletka, club vice president, stated that the next meeting program will be a show and tell opportunity for members to "show and tell."

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm, local time.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Stephen J Peterson, secretary

