

Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs Minutes - Club Meeting of January 2-25

Meeting called to order by Kelsey Schroeder, KA9KDC, President. at 7:3 PM, local time on Friday, January 3, 2025, at our regular meeting location of 418 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, IL. Kelsey Schroeder is the regular presiding officer. The minutes were recorded by Secretary Steve Peterson, N9OA who is the regular recording officer.

Those in attendance in person were KA9KDC, N9CBA, N9OA, KB9FYL and N0MO, additionally N9NYX participated via Zoom.

Tom Geletka made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Don Motz, and the motion carried.

A new member application for Len Watson, KB9MY was accepted by motion of Joe LeFebvre and seconded by Carol Schroeder. Motion carried. Carol mentioned that he is interested in Field Day and VE testing.

Joe LeFebvre made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Tom Kravkar. The motion carried without further discussion.

Kelsey Schroeder noted that it was 2025 and wished everybody a happy new year.

Tom Geletka did not have a vice president's report

Steve Peterson read correspondence received by the club: A distant VE team reported the status of a new amateur who lives in Aurora, Another free tower was offered by yet another family member of a silent key, A radio amateur was looking for another radio amateur names Brian Miller (he would be in his 70s), and KC9ONY wants to know if we are having a hamfest this year.

Carol Schroeder reported that she has not mailed the check to Don Motz but emphasized that she had not forgotten. The cost of the storage unit is up to \$182 per month. The PO Box also went up, but that has been paid for the year. Carol concluded by stating that there are not presently enough funds in the bank to start up a hamfest.

Mike Wilson recapped what is in the storage unit; to wit:

- Wire antennas
- 2 coolers
- Gatorade jug
- Rope bin
- 3 mast sections
- 10 foot mast
- Work lights

- Ez up and sand bags
- Hamfest signs and banners
- Military mast sections
- Small generator
- 50 amp twist loc to straight plug cable
- Small amount of 5/8 hardline
- Box of low 18-12 Guage random power cables
- Small roll of rg-58?
- Mast H frame
- Bird (winter only)
- Hamfest audio and video
- Mast lube
- Extra wheel chocks
- Box of small hand tools (extras removed from CSU)
- 3 easels
- Projector
- Projector screen
- Bin of electrical cords
- Raffle barrels
- Pa amp
- Box of random small items donated the the club to sell.

Mike stated that this list is not itemized or comprehensive.

Don Motz reported that the RAB is still working with Roger Bassett, W9RAF on moving the 145.39 repeater to Roselle. The releasing of the pair to the Illinois Repeater Association remains up in the air. Carol asked about putting the '.31 repeater up there. It was concluded that site would be lower than the current temporary location.

Mike stated that the CSU has been put away for the winter and it will “hybernate until spring.”

There is no VE team report

Mike reported that the Starved Rock Marathon in May and the Lilac Parade, also in May, need people. Mike will circulate information soon.

Mike had no interference report.

Hamfest: No hamfest this month. We will need to meet soon to discuss the ultimate future of the hamfest.

Kelsey Schroeder acknowledged that the website has not been updated regularly.

There was no field day report.

Don thought that the Christmas party was very good. We had no shows and last minute addons. He did believe that another spot in the restaurant may be better due to noise level for people with hearing aides.

The open committee positions were recapped.

Kelsey stated that ee need to start talking about the direction of the club again. Tom suggested maybe doing meetings every other month. Discussion ensued, and my unanimous consent it was decided that there will not be a February meeting.

Comments were offered. Tom shared a toy in lieu of a program. Don recapped his work at the shack of K9JAU.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm local time.

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/ Stephen J. Peterson, ARS N9OA
Secretary
Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs, Inc.