



### **Minutes of SEMARC Membership Meeting, February 28, 2023 (Approved March 28, 2023)**

The meeting was held at the Zion Lutheran Church, Cottage Grove, MN.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Dave Larson KEØHAL. In attendance were members Dave Blume KDØIRF, Jim Boyd KCØQCO, Gary Esler WKØX, Dan Franz WDØGUP, Chuck Hanson NAØL, Joe Hibberd W3QLC, Dave Larson KEØHAL, Dwayne Lovelady NØWUE, Brian McInerney NØBM, and Dick Roberts NØUC. Total present was 10.

Minutes of the January 31, 2023 annual membership meeting were approved. (McInerney, Blume, all)

Treasurer's Report – Blume reported January starting total was \$14,941.81, ending was \$15,483.61. The ending amount was reconciled with the bank statement. Details of all accounts can be viewed by contacting the treasurer.

President's Report – Larson announced he is back following his surgery.

#### **Committee Reports:**

1. Repeater – Roberts reported we are still waiting for the City of Cottage Grove to give their approval in writing to install the repeater at Fire Station #3.
2. VE – Franz reported there was one (1) attendee who passed the Technician test. Because he was previously licensed as an Amateur Extra, he was immediately licensed at his previous class. He also reported the VE team held 11 test sessions with 50 candidates in 2022. It was a very successful year. Dan is seeking a couple of Amateur Extra licensees to join the VE team.
3. Member Services – McInerney reported he wrote to 15 Technicians in the local area to invite them to join the club.
4. ARES – Hibberd described the purpose of ARES and invited members to join the Washington County unit.

Operating Events – McInerney reported 5 members made more than 260 contacts and earned 23,000 points in the Minnesota QSO Party. He also listed the upcoming operating events for the year.

New Business – Hibberd reported a member contacted him to suggest using video to livestream meetings. The advantages and disadvantages were discussed. Franz and Roberts offered to run a test using the on-site internet connection.

Announcements – Metro Skywarn will hold a class on Saturday, April 29 at the club meeting location.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m. (Hibberd, Franz, all)

Program following the meeting: McInerney gave a presentation and led a tabletop exercise on Directed Nets.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe Hibberd W3QLC  
Secretary