



Minutes of SEMARC Membership Meeting, March 28, 2023 (Approved April 25, 2023)

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Brian McInerney NØBM. In attendance were members Mark Affolter KAØSDK, Dave Blume KDØIRF, Bob Gagne NØGRK, Chuck Hanson NAØL, Bill Heyderhoff KDØMHE, Joe Hibberd W3QLC, Roger Holger AEØTE, Ryc Lyden KDØZWM, Brian McInerney NØBM, George Power KØGCP, John Regan KAØHYR, Dick Roberts NØUC, and Dave Schultz KBØSED. Also in attendance was MN Section Manager Bill Mitchell AEØEE. Total present was 14.

Minutes of the February 28, 2023 membership meeting were approved. (Lyden, Power, all)

Treasurer's Report – Blume reported February starting total was \$15,483.61, ending was \$15,483.61. The ending amount was reconciled with the bank statement.

President's Report – Past President Lyden presented the 2022 President's Award to Holger for his outstanding work as editor of *The Telegraph* monthly newsletter.

The business portion of the meeting was suspended at 7:09 p.m. to hear a program by Mr. Mitchell about the ARRL. He stated the focus this year will be on local clubs. He described the following programs:

- Club Commission – Clubs can receive a commission for club members joining or renewing ARRL membership;
- Club Development – Webcasts held on Thursdays at 1800 hours Central Time. Various topics are discussed. Past webcasts are available at www.learn.arrl.org;
- Club Revitalization – Clubs are encouraged to update their websites to attract younger hams and those not licensed. He encouraged websites to have online payment for dues and other items.

Other announcements were:

- A Minnesota Section Conference will be held on October 14 in the metro area. Location TBD.
- 2023 is the "Year of the Volunteer" (VOTA). Members are encouraged to work W1AW/# stations.
- W1AW/Ø Minnesota will be held May 10-16 and August 2-8.

Business portion of the meeting resumed at 8:07 p.m.

Committee Reports:

1. Repeater – Roberts reported he is working with the City of Cottage Grove attorney.
2. VE – Hibberd reported 3 attendees "got what they came for." Two Techs passed their General and one General passed his Amateur Extra.
3. Member Services – McInerney reported he continues to write "love notes" to new hams in the local area.
4. ARES – Hibberd reported about the expected St. Croix River flooding and 2 REP drills in June.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m. (Hibberd, Schultz, all)

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Hibberd W3QLC
Secretary