



## **Minutes of the SEMARC Membership Meeting, May 30, 2023 (Approved July 25, 2023)**

The meeting was held at Zion Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove MN. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Dave Larson, KE0HAL. Members and guests in attendance were Dale, NOVXH; Chuck NA0L; Gary, WK0X; Jim, KCOQCO; Chris, KDOUFC; Bill, KDOMHE; Paul, N2VZV; Jim KFOIEX; Dave, KA8VHF; Dave, KBOSED; Dave KDOI RF; Brian, NOBM.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as distributed. (NOBM, N2VZV, all)

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave B. reported that the fund balance at the beginning of April was \$15,815.21, ending balance for the month at \$16025.21. Dave noted for members present that about half the balance in the treasury was for the scholarship fund.

**President's Report:** Dave L. briefed member about Dick R.'s hospitalization and imminent surgery. Members agreed to getting Dick a get-well card in the hospital.

Dave L also provided a short update on the Minnesota State Convention; much has yet to be learned. Joe H receives information from the steering committee for the event. The club decided not to contribute to the event previously, as necessary information was lacking, i.e., date, venue, etc. More info possibly to come.

### **Committee Reports:**

VE: last session had four candidates. Two generals and two extra class hams resulted.

Member services: Brian M. indicated no change in activity.

Operating events: Brian M. reported on the WOCGM/35, which was successful in making over 200 QSOs; successful effort to get the club call out on the air. He also indicated that a decision site for POTA activities was selected: Spring Lak Park Preserve in Hastings. Two sessions will be scheduled, one on a weekend day and one on a work day. It was important to allow those with work or other obligations the opportunity to participate on a weekend day.

Dave B. reported on planning for FD. He presented a plan for antenna placement designed to minimize interference between the operating positions. Dave indicates that we will be in class 2A but will have a third transmitter as part of a GOTA effort by the club. Giving new hams and others a chance to operate during FD has been set as a priority by Dave. He rightfully sees it as a great chance to create awareness of the hobby. LOTS of work and help needed; members are encouraged to contact Dave and find how they can best contribute to the FD effort.

Old/New Business: Dave L briefly reported on the sale of the Church. Closing is scheduled for the end of July. We have been favorably received by the congregation purchasing the Church but a final decision on

our use of the Church remains to be seen. Dave L also briefed members on the progress toward reactivating our repeater operations on two of the city's water towers. We and City staff are working through the resolution of issues arising from the draft usage agreement provided by Counsel to the City.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM (NOBM, N2VZV, all).

Subsequently, Chuck, NAOL, gave an engaging presentation and demonstration on drones, including an attempt to drop a load on a car in the parking lot.

Submitted by NOBM