



Minutes of the SEMARC Board Meeting May 12, 2026

Members present: Chuck Hanson (NA0L), Dick Roberts (N0UC), Dale Mathisen (K0DTM), Dan Franz (WD0GUP), Bruce MacDonald (KF0NOK), Dave Larson (KE0HAL) Dave Schultz (KB0SED), David Blume (KD0IRF)

Dan (WD0GUP) opened the meeting at 7:12
WebEx + notes

April Meeting Minutes approved Dick R / Dave B
Corrections to repeater address as “180” not “170” was noted and updated.

Treasurers Report: David (KD0IRF) with a balance of \$18,263.95 after expenses.

\$18,523.35 start, less \$259.40 expenses (insurance, web) = \$18,263.95 (bank stmt)

Dick (N0UC) brought up a check received via the Benevity (sp?) giving platform – and Dave (KD0IRF) confirmed it was related to his payroll deduction to the club. Dick (N0UC) explained that the post office controls the key blanks for the PO box, complicating key duplication for the P.O. box.

VE Session: none in April, one person in May

Membership Policy Clarification

The group discussed the need to clarify and possibly amend the membership removal policy for members who have not paid dues. It was noted that the current policy and bylaws do not specify who is responsible for implementing removals or the notification process. The consensus was to amend the policy to assign responsibility to the secretary to notify members before removal and to bring the amendment to the next board meeting for approval.

Dick (N0UC) highlighted ambiguity in the policy regarding membership removal procedures. Dan (WD0GUP) suggested the secretary should notify members 90 days after dues are due before removal. The group agreed to draft a policy amendment and discuss it at the next board meeting.

Skywarn Classes and Repeater Updates

Updates were provided on Skywarn classes, assistance was requested for setup, and volunteers were identified.

Field Day

The group planned for the upcoming Field Day event, deciding to use end-fed antennas instead of the Salvation Army tower due to logistical challenges. Discussions included antenna setup, use of drones for wire placement, meal planning with a summer feast theme, and equipment readiness including radios, coax cables, and batteries. Responsibilities for RF safety reporting and event coordination were assigned.

Section Manager Position and Volunteer Opportunities

Richard Roberts informed the group that Bill Mitchell is looking for someone to take over as ARRL section manager. Bruce (KF0NOK) volunteered to start as a net control operator for the club's odd-month nets. Dick (N0UC) recommended Bruce begin with the extra Wednesday sessions, which occur about four times a year.

Closing Notes:

David (KD0IRF) will verify if the bank has updated the address to the PO box and follow up on any issues, and will contact Brian to coordinate the CW message submission for Field Day and will submit the Field Day location information including the fire station address to the media.

Dick (N0UC) will investigate and repair the Forest Lake repeater digital functionality and coordinate with others for installation.

Chuck (NA0L) will draft an email to members who have not renewed their membership to inquire if they wish to renew

Adjourned Dave (KD0IRF) / Dave S (KB0SED)