

## Elkhorn Valley Amateur Radio Club

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> July 15, 2023 Monthly Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 8:33 by Vice President Andy Johnson.

Members present: Sue – KD0JE, Dave – WB0YXH, Sonja – KA0EZA, Gail – AA0GV, Andy – KF0CSI, Terry L. – W0TDL, Aaron M – KT0Q, Jeanna – KF0JFK, Bruce – K8UDH, Dave S. – KD0HEU, Monty – NR0A, Ron – N0ZQR

Mark Wagner, N4ET, was a guest.

The Minutes were read by Aaron. Monty made a motion to accept. Ron seconded. It was carried by the club.

The Treasurers Report was read by Aaron. A motion was made by Ron to accept. Bruce seconded. It was carried by the club.

## **Committee Reports**

Repeater Reports – Andy mentioned setting a task on the computer to restart every few days to eliminate lockup. Discussion was held about UHF propagation. Suggestions were made on how to isolate the connections and determine the issues.

DMR Repeater is up and running. It is connected to the Nebraska Turbo group. The antenna is currently set up on one of the ice bridges. Later this year the group will install a different antenna at the site. Discussion was held regarding DMR. Andy and Aaron will work on a fact sheet to share with members how to make it work.

Testing Committee – Testing will be held Saturday, August 19th 1:15pm at the Library.

Breakfast break at was held at 9:00. We reconvened at 9:20.

## **Old Business**

Field Day – 12 or so folks visited the field day events. KFOATX will report on how many contacts we made. Bruce talked about the nature of field day and how the EVARC does it differently from other

clubs. He pointed out the laid back nature of our event. The Norfolk Daily News sent out a reporter to do a write-up on the day's activities.

Ideas for next year:

Bruce suggested we needed a better way to log our contacts that would make it easier on the person making the submission, perhaps electronic logging via linked computers. We will look into logging software and see how we can improve for next year. Terry mentioned he uses N3FJP logging software. Mark mentioned N1MM. We will revisit ideas for improvement at the next meeting.

## **New Business**

Bruce is teaching a CW class winter of 2024. Several club members are attending. Reach out for more information.

The KOHW Estate Sale is on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August in Elk Point.

Monty purchased the new General study book from the ARRL for the Norfolk Public Library. Bruce made a motion the club reimburse Monty for the book. Dave Seconded. Carried

Winter Field Day - January 27-28, 2024

The next meeting is August 12, 2023

Split the pot of \$9 was won by Ron who donated the money to the club.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:01am.

Respectfully Submitted, Aaron Mathis, KTOQ Secretary/Treasurer