



Central Dakota Amateur Radio Club, WØZRT



NOISELETTER

March 2021

ABOUT THE CDARC

Central Dakota Amateur Radio Club - WØZRT was established in 1971. Our purpose shall be to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism, individual radio operating efficiency, and to conduct programs and activities that advance the general interest and welfare of the United States, North Dakota, our community, and amateur radio.

THE PRESIDENT'S QTC

Hello everyone,

I hope with the nice weather we have been having that everyone is working on projects outdoors and enjoying themselves.

It was great to see everyone at the Hamfest this year. All of the people I have talked with said it was a good Hamfest. Smaller than normal, but still a good turnout of around 90 people. My thanks go out to everyone who helped plan, setup, organize, and attend to make it a good event.

Thank-you to Bismarck Public Schools for allowing us to host the event at the Career Academy.

Special thank-you to the people involved in the food service: Sharon/ NØHGR, Karen/KCØMNE, Mark/NOFAZ, Rick/NØMBE, Karen & Karen.

Elections are coming up so make sure you attend the meeting on March 23rd to vote.

The meeting will be at Bismarck State College. Watch website for more information.

73!

Mike Holman, KEØESG
President, CDARC

MARCH 2021 MEETING AGENDA

- A. Approval of February 2021 meeting minutes.
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Guests

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Technical
2. Skywarn
3. VE Testing
4. Net Control

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Hamfest 2021 Report
2. Donated Drake Equipment Bid
3. Elections

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Field Day 2021 (June 26-27)
2. Project at BSC
3. Announcements
4. 50/50 Drawing

Adjourn

FEBRUARY 23RD, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Club President Mike/KEØESG brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Bismarck State College Career Academy.

Attendance:

Mike/KEØESG (CDARC President)
Bob/NØTC (CDARC Vice President)
Dee/KBØCGK (CDARC Treasurer)
Jeff/KØCMS (CDARC Secretary)
Randy/KCØCAU (Member at Large)
Bob/WBØSXC (Member at Large)
Zach/KØZSH
Lorne/NØCYK
Karen/KCØMNE
Rick/NØMBE
Marc/NØSUU
Chad/KCØAFB
Sharon/NØHGR
Mark/NØFAZ

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A. Approval of January 2021 Minutes: Motion by Lorne/NØCYK, second by Zach/KØZSH to approve the January 2021 meeting minutes; motion carried.

B. Treasurer's Report: Dee/KBØCGK gave a detailed update of expenses and income since the last report in February 2020. The checking account balance as of this meeting is \$252.70; the savings account balance as of this meeting is \$22,238.63. Motion by Zach/KØZSH, second by Lorne/NØCYK to approve the report; motion carried.

C. Guests: None

Committee Reports

1. Technical: Mark/NØFAZ reported that he and Randy/KCØCAU will be meeting with a Vikor representative on February 24th at the 85 tower site to determine the work to be accomplished. As soon as he receives a quote for the work, he will contact the Club President.

2. Skywarn: Zach/KØZSH reported that, due to the COVID pandemic, there will be no Skywarn training this year. Anyone wishing a refresher can access the NWS website for more information. There will be no NWS activation during Severe Summer Weather Awareness Week in May. The NWS office is not open to the public, so there will be no net controllers required this summer; if you have severe weather to report, you are encouraged to contact NWS directly. If you wish to send videos/photos make sure to include your name and call sign, and give permission to them to use the videos/photos. Zach provided a list of the duties he has performed, and is resigning his Skywarn liaison duties effective February 23rd, 2021. Club President Mike/KEØESG thanked him for his 11 years of service as the Skywarn coordinator.

3. VE Testing: Bob/NØTC reported on the testing and FCC updates:

- Social Security Numbers will no longer be used for identification - a Federal Registration Number (FRN) will be required instead.

- The FCC is not accepting paper 605's - all actions must be completed via the internet.

- The FCC will also implement a fee of \$35 for most licensing actions sometime this summer; he does not know if ARRL will have a separate fee yet.

- All licensees will be required to provide an email address to the FCC.

4. Net Control: No report

Old Business

1. CDARC Hamfest: Jeff/KØCMS gave an update on upcoming Hamfest preparations. The ARRL Forum is tentatively cancelled. There will be no early access to the BSC Career Academy on Friday night. Club President Mike/KEØESG provided a table setup diagram which effects social distancing requirements. Mark/NØFAZ asked if there was any idea how many people may show up for the event; that is unknown since the Club is not requiring pre-registration. A list of donated equipment was presented to the members to determine what the Club should keep and what should be offered for sale at the Hamfest; motion by Zack/KØZSH, second by Lorne/NØCYK, to offer the four pieces of Drake TR7 equipment (TR7 transceiver, remote VFO, microphone and power supply) for sale as a package with the starting price at \$800, with a minimum price of \$500 which will not be acceptable until after 11:00 am on the day of the Hamfest; motion carried. The members also consented to sell the Club's Kenwood TS-140 along with the donated Kenwood phone patch and station monitor as a package with a starting price of \$350. The Drake SP75 speech processor will be sold separately with an asking price of \$150. The Heathkit frequency counter will be sold separately with an asking price of \$100. One Yaesu microphone will be sold separately with an asking price of \$100.

2. Silent Key: Bruce Kocher/KIØJG passed away recently. Motion by Mark/NØFAZ, second by Randy/KCØCAU, to send a \$50 memorial in Bruce's name to ARRL; motion carried.

3. Elections: Jeff/KØCMS gave an update on the upcoming CDARC elections. The election will take place at the March 23rd meeting. Several individuals have already expressed intent to run for office. Anyone wishing to run for a Club office should contact Jeff at KØCMS@ARRL.NET, or call 701-527-8918. A list of those running for office will be compiled at the March 9th Executive Board meeting and

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published via email and on the Club website shortly afterwards. Nominations for all offices may also be made from the floor at the March 23rd Club meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Announcements: Club President Mike/KE0ESG hoped to see as many of the Club members as possible at the Hamfest on February 27th.

Motion to adjourn at 7:57 by Bob/N0TC, second by Zach/K0ZSH; motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff/K0CMS

UPCOMING EVENTS

February CDARC Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021 7:00 pm, BSC Career Academy.

CDARC Executive Committee meeting: Tuesday, April 13th, 2021, 7:00 pm, Scheel's cafeteria, Bismarck ND.

NET REPORTS

Sunday CWJ/VHF Net 146.850 (February 2021)
Nets: 4
Checkins: 51

Sunday 2 Meter Net 144.200 (February 2021)
Nets: 3
Checkins: 15

Net Controllers:
Zach/K0ZSH
Bob/N0TC
Randy/KC0CAU
Mike/KE0ESG
Howard/WB0ATB
Jeff/K0CMS
Justin/K0JBM

Activations: Nothing to report

LOCAL REPEATERS

145.430- Hannover, No PL
146.850- PL 107.2 (optional)
146.940- Super Link, No PL tone

147.060+ PL 107.2, BSC Fusion Repeater
224.200- N0FAZ, PL 103.5
444.200+ PL 103.5 Cross band repeat on
52.525
444.350+ PL 107.2, BSC Fusion Repeater
444.650+ Yaesu Fusion Digital or Analog
PL for analog 107.2
Keying up a Fusion repeater with an analog
transmission will switch all users to analog

CDARC OFFICERS

President:

Mike Holman, KE0ESG

Vice President:

Bob Tracy, N0TC

Secretary:

Jeff Strange, K0CMS

Treasurer:

Dee Tracy, KB0CGK

Members at Large:

Bob Arso/WB0SXC

Randy Tietz/KC0CAU

COMMITTEES & COORDINATORS

Newsletter

Jeff Strange, K0CMS

Dee Tracy, KB0CGK

Technical Committee

Mark Malm, N0FAZ

Randy Tietz, KC0CAU

Pete Fettig, KF0DL

APRS Coordinator

Randy Tietz, KC0CAU

SKYWARN

John Paul Martin, KB0YLU

VE Testing

Bob Tracy, N0TC

CDARC Information Officer

CDARC Executive Committee

Web Administrators

Mike Holman, KE0ESG

Quentin Schumacher, KD0WEB

Net Control Coordinator

Howard Burns, WB0ATB

CHECK OUT THE CDARC WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGES:

<http://www.cdarcnd.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/cdarcnd/>

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FCC FRN INFORMATION

If you are planning on testing for your first Amateur Radio License, go to the following website and obtain a Federal Registration Number (FRN) first, and bring it with you to the testing session:

<https://apps.fcc.gov/coresWeb/publicHome.do>

(Note: if you already have a license, you already have a FRN; you do not need to register again)

VOLUNTEER EXAMINERS TAKE NOTE!

All ARRL-accredited Volunteer Examiners (VE's) must participate in at least one testing session every 5 years for their credentials to remain valid.

CDARC ELECTION UPDATE

The following individuals have stated their intent to run for the offices indicated at the March 23rd, 2021 meeting:

President: Mike Holman/KE0ESG
Vice President: Bob Tracy/N0TC
Treasurer: Dee Tracy/KB0CGK
Secretary: Jeff Strange/K0CMS
Member at Large (2 positions):
 Randy Tietz/KC0CAU
 Justin Matteson/K0JBM

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