



# Central Dakota Amateur Radio Club, WØZRT



## NOISELETTER

February 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,

It appears winter has finally arrived. I have tried a few new things this past month with Digital C4FM with my new rig (FT-991a). I set up a hotspot Pi-Star and have made several contacts on Fusion. Kind of neat...clear as a bell for reception. The rig has so many features I have not explored them all yet.

We are planning a face-to-face Club meeting this month at BSC and hope many of you can attend. We will be required to wear mask and maintain social distancing.

Hamfest is also coming up soon and I hope to see everyone there. It will also be at BSC this year. It will be good to see some friends in person.

73!

Mike Holman, KEØESG  
President, CDARC

### FEBRUARY 2021 MEETING AGENDA

- A. Approval of January 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
2. Silent Key Memorial
3. Elections

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Announcements

Adjourn

### JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Club President Mike/KEØESG brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on the 146.85 WØZRT Repeater.

#### Attendance:

Mike/KEØESG (CDARC President)  
Bob/NØTC (CDARC Vice President)  
Dee/KBØCGK (CDARC Treasurer)  
Jeff/KØCMS (CDARC Secretary)  
Randy/KCØCAU (Member at Large)  
Dewey/KDØBTU  
Lorne/NØCYK  
Jon/KEØFYM  
Zach/KØZSH  
Marc/NØSUU  
Chad/KCØAFB

A. Approval of November 2020 Minutes:  
Motion by Zach/KØZSH, second by Randy/KCØCAU to approve; motion carried.

B. Treasurer's Report: Tabled until the next face-to-face Club meeting.

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C. Guests: None

### Committee Reports

1. Technical: No report

2. Skywarn: No report

3. VE Testing: Bob/NØTC reported that one Tech exam had been administered recently. He also gave a report on the FCC licensing forms:

- 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.

- A link to the FCC FRN page has been added to the CDARC website.

4. Net Control: No report

### Old Business

1. CDARC Hamfest: Jeff/KØCMS gave an update on Hamfest preparations. After discussion on safety requirements and VE testing, a motion to proceed with the Hamfest, made by Bob/NØTC and seconded by Lorne/NØCYK, was carried. Jeff will dispatch the Hamfest flyer immediately after tonight's meeting adjourns.

2. Silent Key: Bruce Kocher/KIØJG passed away recently. Dee/KBØCGJ reported that there was not any information available as to where to send a memorial. Motion by Jeff/KØCMS, second by Dee/KBØCGK, to table the memorial until the next meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Elections: Jeff/KØCMS gave a short report on upcoming Club elections, which will be conducted at the March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 Club meeting. The following are the complete parameters:

*a. The 2021 election for CDARC officers will take place at the March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 meeting. If you want to run for any of the*

*following offices, please contact me not later than March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021:*

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Member at Large (2 positions)

*b. In order to run for office, you must be a member in good standing of the CDARC; that means your CDARC dues must be current. In order to vote in the election, you must also be a member in good standing. Please be advised that all offices are now two-year terms.*

*c. The list of members in good standing who wish to run for office will be published after the March 9<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting so that the candidates will be known to the general membership prior to the March 23<sup>rd</sup> election. If you do not get the notification, please contact me at the email address below and I will send you the information.*

*d. Please be advised that nominations will also be taken from the floor at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, in accordance with the CDARC by-laws.*

*e. The election will be conducted by secret ballot. The ballot will contain the names of those members in good standing who have contacted me and indicated their desire to run for a particular office. The ballot will also contain space for "write in" candidates; this space may be used for any member in good standing who is nominated from the floor at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Ballots will be given to members in good standing at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting and the vote will be conducted at the meeting. Ballots will be counted by no less than three members (myself and two members not running for office).*

*f. I will not be contacting individuals or incumbents to determine if they do or do not want to run for office. You must contact me in order to get on the ballot. Please email your wishes to me at [KØCMS@ARRL.NET](mailto:KØCMS@ARRL.NET) or provide them in writing so there is a written record. I will reply to your email acknowledging receipt; if you do not get a reply you should contact me at 701-527-8918.*

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*g. If you have any questions concerning the election, please contact me.*

*Jeff Strange/K0CMS  
CDARC Secretary/Election Chairman*

### 2. Announcements:

a. Club President Mike/KE0ESG reported that the next Executive Committee meeting will be on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 pm at Scheel's, and the next Club meeting will be on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 pm; he will see if the BSC facility is available for a face-to-face meeting.

b. Jeff/K0CMS, reported that he received a request from a Ham in Western Australia who needs North Dakota to complete his "Worked-All-States". If anyone is interested in helping the gentleman, please contact Jeff for the particulars.

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 by Zach/K0ZSH, second by Jeff/K0CMS; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff/K0CMS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**February CDARC Monthly Meeting:** Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 7:00 pm, BSC Career Academy.

**CDARC Hamfest:**  
Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 7:30 am-12:30 pm, BSC Career Academy

**CDARC Executive Committee meeting:**  
Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 7:00 pm, Scheel's cafeteria, Bismarck ND.

### NET REPORTS

Sunday CWJ/VHF Net 146.850 (January 2021)  
# Nets: 5  
# Checkins: 92

Sunday 2 Meter Net 144.200 (January 2021)

# Nets: 5  
# Checkins: 24

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

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### SKYWARN

John Paul Martin, KBØYLU  
Zach Heinert, KØZSH

### VE Testing

Bob Tracy, NØTC

### CDARC Information Officer

CDARC Executive Committee

### Web Administrators

Mike Holman, KEØESG  
Quentin Schumacher, KDØWEB

### Net Control Coordinator

Howard Burns, WBØATB

### CHECK OUT THE CDARC WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGES:

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

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

### 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)*