



Central Dakota Amateur Radio Club, WØZRT



NOISELETTER

May 2020

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 to all club members,

Hello everyone, this has been a different spring with the Covid-19 virus keeping us all separated. Luckily, we as amateur radio operators have an additional outlet to the world through our radios. I have been using my HF radio a little more by checking in to the morning weather net occasionally. I completed building, installing, and tuning my Fan Dipole 80/40 and it is working great. I also completed a repair to an Icom 706mkII and now have a second HF rig working. The encoder was broken, and I found a replacement for the discontinued OEM part.

Our next club meeting will be similar to the last meeting, in that we will be having the meeting over the 146.85 Repeater. I feel that it went very well last month but hopefully this will be the last month to have the meeting over the 85 Repeater.

Field Day is coming up soon, and I again hope that we can have the public participate and that the virus situation does not complicate things.

For now, stay health and safe, and hope to hear you on the air.

Stay safe and healthy

73,

Mike Holman, KEØESG
President, CDARC

MAY 2020 MEETING AGENDA

Attendance Check-in

A. Approval of April 2020 meeting minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Technical
2. Skywarn:
3. VE Testing status

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Field Day planning

NEW BUSINESS:

1. HPAC Meeting Notice/Information: May 20 @ 9:00 am.
2. Club Picnic, Aug 25th, 2020.
3. Announcements

Adjourn

APRIL 28TH, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Club President Mike/KEØESG brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on the WØZRT 146.85 repeater, and conducted the meeting as the net control.

Check-in Attendance:

Mike/KEØESG (CDARC President)
Bob/NØTC (CDARC Vice President)
Dee/KBØCGK (CDARC Treasurer)
Jeff/KØCMS (CDARC Secretary)
Randy/KCØCAU (CDARC Member at Large)
Howard/WBØATB
Zach/KØZSH
Justin/KØJBM
Rick/NØMBE
Marc/NØSUU
Chad/KCØAFB
Pete/NØONE
Arlin/NØWJN

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Club President Mike/KE0ESG requested that all comments, motions, statements be kept short and to the point, and that members use their call signs in alpha phonetics to be recognized to speak. He also stated that any motions will carry unless there is a majority objection.

A. Approval of February 2020 Minutes: Jeff/K0CMS provided one addition to the minutes: The 224.200 N0FAZ repeater has a 103.5 PL tone; this will be reflected in the upcoming Noiseletter. Motion by Howard/WB0ATB, second by Zach/K0ZSH to approve the minutes; motion carried.

B. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report has been tabled until the next face-to-face meeting.

C. Guests: None

Committee Reports

1. Technical: Nothing to report at this time.

2. Skywarn: Zach/K0ZSH reported that the Bismarck National Weather Service Office has stated that there will be no Skywarn activations this year. If the NWS activates the Ham paging system it should be viewed as an indication of possible severe weather. Hams should NOT report to the NWS office. Rather, monitor the weather in your area and call reports into the NWS at 701-250-4495 or 1-800-247-0212. First, identify yourself as a Ham as that identification will lend higher credibility to the report. Another option is the on-line reporting system: <https://www.weather.gov/crh/stormreports?sid=bis>

3. VE Testing: Bob/N0TC reported that there will be no license testing until at least June 1st, 2020. If there are changes to the COVID-19 and social distancing, we may modify the June 1st date. The revised Amateur Extra test will start July 1st.

Old Business

1. Membership Post Cards: Jeff/K0CMS reported that the informational post cards have been received, and thanked Milt/N0SIB for getting them printed at no cost to the

Club. Jeff/K0CMS motioned that the post cards be mailed to inactive members in the area, second by Zach/K0ZSH; motion carried.

2. 2020 CDARC Hamfest: Jeff/K0CMS reported that the 2020 Hamfest was the best event in some years. He thanked all who were involved in setting up, tearing down, and helping on everything in between at the Hamfest. Dee/KB0CGK reported that there were 172 registrations, and 30 tables sold. A net profit of \$611.93 was realized after expenses. Motion by Dee/KB0CGK to donate \$200.00 to St. Mary's for the use of their facility, second by Zach/K0ZSH; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Field Day Planning: Mike/KE0ESG gave a short report on the June 28-29 event, to include transportation arrangements for the Club trailers. He requested that Dee/KB0CGK contact the Park Board to reserve the Tom O'Leary Golf Course warming house. Rick/N0MBE requested status on the antennas to be used, specifically the Club Butternut; Mike reported that the Butternut has been repaired and needs to be tuned, which he will take care of prior to Field Day. Expenditure for food was tabled until the next meeting.

2. Announcements:

a. Club President Mike/KE0ESG requested input on how we should conduct the May 2020 Club meeting. It is unlikely that we will be able to use the St. Alexius meeting rooms any time in the foreseeable future. Zach/K0ZSH recommended that we conduct the next meeting again on the 85 repeater. Unless otherwise notified, the next meeting will be on the 85 repeater.

b. Zach/K0ZSH thanked the Club officers for conducting the April meeting on the repeater.

Motion to adjourn at 7:33 by Bob/N0TC, second by Zach/K0ZSH; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff/K0CMS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CDARC Monthly Meeting:

The May 2020 meeting will be conducted on the 146.85 W0ZRT repeater at 7:00 pm on May 26th 2020.

CDARC Executive Committee meeting:

Tuesday, June 9th, 2020, 7:00 pm, Location to be determined.

Field Day:

June 27-28, 2020; Tom O'Leary Golf Course Warming House; details to follow.

NET REPORTS

Sunday CWJ/VHF Net 146.850 (April 2020)

Nets: 4
Checkins: 41

Sunday 2 Meter Net 144.200 (April 2020)

Nets: 3
Checkins: 11

Net Controllers:

Justin/K0JBM
Mike/KE0ESG
Howard/WB0ATB

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
Zach Heinert, K0ZSH

VE Testing

Bob Tracy, N0TC

CDARC Information Officer

CDARC Executive Committee

Web Administrators

Mike Holman, KE0ESG
Quentin Schumacher, KD0WEB

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