



Central Dakota Amateur Radio Club, WØZRT



NOISELETTER

November 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 everyone,

I have had an uneventful Fall so far. School is still meeting face-to-face and that is good! I have prepared for the worst and hope for the best as far as school goes.

I was able to put up a new 2 meter collinear antenna in the last month. It has really improved my reception and transmission.

As a Club, we are planning the upcoming Hamfest and hoping for the best that it will take place. Who knows what will happen at this time with the pandemic still lingering. It will be a different Hamfest with social distancing and masks.

I hope to hear from many of you club members at the next meeting.

73,

Mike Holman, KEØESG
President, CDARC

NOVEMBER 2020 MEETING AGENDA

- A. Approval of October 2020 meeting minutes.
- B. Guests

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Technical
2. Skywarn

3. VE Testing status

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Hamfest 2021

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Announcements

Adjourn

OCTOBER 27TH, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Club President Mike/KEØESG brought the meeting to order at 7:08 pm at the Bismarck State College Career Academy.

Attendance:

Mike/KEØESG (CDARC President)
Jeff/KØCMS (CDARC Secretary)
Rick/NØMBE
Karen/KCØMNE
Steve/KFØAMB
Chad/KCØAFB
Paul/KEØFYM

A. Approval of September 2020 Minutes:
Motion by Rick/NØMBE, second by Karen/KCØMNE to approve; motion carried.

B. Treasurer's Report: No report

C. Guests: Paul/KEØFYM, Steve/KFØAMB

Committee Reports

1. Technical: Club President Mike/KEØESG gave a short update on the 85 repeater repairs. The tower company that the Tech Committee was dealing with to perform the repairs declined to accept the job. After contacting KFYZ (the tower owner) for information on which they now use for tower maintenance, the statement of work was sent to Viktor, a tower repair company located in Bismarck for review and pricing.

2. Skywarn: Mike/KEØESG relayed a report he received from Zach/KØZSH. If any members

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received a notice to complete the Computer Cybersecurity Course for the National Weather Service, please complete it as soon as possible.

3. VE Testing: The FCC no longer allows Social Security Numbers on licensing forms; the Federal Registration Number (FRN) is the only number that will be used. Those wishing to test for their first license will need to obtain the FRN from the FCC prior to submitting any licensing documents. Additionally, Mike/KE0ESG stated that testing will be available for individuals and small groups on a case-by-case basis.

Old Business

1. CDARC Hamfest: At this time, the 2021 Hamfest is still planned to be held at the BSC Career Academy Multi-Purpose Room on February 27th, 2021. However, because the event may have to be cancelled on short notice, the event will be scaled down. The following recommendations were made by Jeff/K0CMS, Hamfest Chairman, and will be further discussed and voted on at the November Club meeting:

- Date/Time/Location: The date and location of the Hamfest are set. We may adjust the start time.

- Registrations:

-- Registration forms will be included on the Hamfest flyer.

-- There will be no registration fee for 2021; free-will donations will be accepted at the Hamfest instead.

-- Only CDARC membership renewals payments will be accepted in advance.

-- Reservations for Hamfest tables will be accepted, but no fees will be accepted in advance; payment will be accepted at the Hamfest. We are doing this so that we don't have to make refunds should the Hamfest be cancelled.

- Prizes:

-- We will not solicit prizes from vendors, or purchase any prizes for the event.

-- The only prize will be a \$100.00 cash prize.

- Food: We expect that food will be available

at the Hamfest.

- VE Testing: We expect VE testing will take place.

- Safety: At this time, we expect masks and social distancing will be required.

-- Tables and seating will be placed so as to meet social distancing requirements.

-- Masks and other protective items will be made available.

- Setup: We have not made a decision on any set-up schedule at this time.

- Forums/Presentations: Separate rooms will be available for forums and presentations; specified safety requirements will be in force.

2. PayPal Account: Club President Mike/KE0ESG has set up the CDARC account and is working on adding the ability to send dues, etc., through PayPal to CDARC via the website.

NEW BUSINESS

1. CDARC Christmas Party: by consensus of the members at the meeting, the annual Club Christmas party has been cancelled for 2020.

2. Standardized Dues Payments: Annual dues will now be payable in February of each year to coincide with the annual Hamfest. Dues will be accepted from new members and those wishing to catch up on their dues on a pro-rated basis throughout the year.

3. Announcements: The next Club meeting may be conducted on the air due to the local increase in COVID cases.

Motion to adjourn at 7:47 by Rick/N0MBE, second by Chad/KC0AFB; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff/K0CMS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CDARC Monthly Meeting: The November 24th, 2020
7:00 pm on the 146.85 repeater.

CDARC Executive Committee meeting:
Tuesday, January 26th, 2021, 7:00 pm, Scheel's
cafeteria, Bismarck ND.

NET REPORTS

Sunday CWJ/VHF Net 146.850 (October 2020)

Nets: 4
Checkins: 53

Sunday 2 Meter Net 144.200 (October 2020)

Nets: 4
Checkins: 22

Net Controllers:

Zach/KØZSH
Bob/NØTC
Randy/KCØCAU
Mike/KEØESG
Howard/WBØATB
Jeff/KØCMS
Justin/KØJBM

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- NØFAZ, 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, KEØESG

Vice President:

Bob Tracy, NØTC

Secretary:

Jeff Strange, KØCMS

Treasurer:

Dee Tracy, KBØCGK

Members at Large:

Bob Arso/WBØSXC
Randy Tietz/KCØCAU

COMMITTEES & COORDINATORS

Newsletter

Jeff Strange, KØCMS
Dee Tracy, KBØCGK

Technical Committee

Mark Malm, NØFAZ
Randy Tietz, KCØCAU
Pete Fettig, KFØDL

APRS Coordinator

Randy Tietz, KCØCAU

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

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