

Board Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2022

Officers present: Eric, W3EAB, President; Jeff, KC3OQP, Vice President; Phil, NO3N, Secretary; Rick, AB3XJ, Treasurer; Will, KA3UQQ, Director; Bill, N3RY, Director

There was a quorum of the Board present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Officer Reports:

Vice President - Races are still going on. Upcoming is the Rosaryville 50K. We will be at a local Emergency Expo.

Secretary - The dates for classes are updated. There may not be an Extra class in 2024 as the ARRL may be late releasing the updated manual. The dates for VE were discussed.

Treasurer - Rick is balancing the checkbook. He's been training an Assistant Treasurer.

Committee Reports:

MDC QSO Party - Keith, AE3D, and Huey, AB3GS, will be handling scoring and distribution of certificates when Huey returns to town on the 19th or 20th.

Holiday Party - Wisteria Brewing will allow us to give 3 tickets for drinks rather than a set cost for the bar. Still awaiting information.

VE Testing - Bill reported on the testing for October. He has 2 candidates for November already.

Old Business

Antenna Plan/Parking Lot - Estimate has been received for site work. Still need information on the tower work.

Security system - Will, KA3UQQ reported on the current status of the upgrades. Access can be limited by time and day if needed.

New Business

Dues as a donation - There is a question regarding making the dues a donation. There is no refund on dues if a person leaves.

Echolink relocation - The Trustee does not like the possible of moving the Echolink from the current provider to the club.

Broadcasting ARRL news - Dave, W3RDE, proposed that the club should air the ARRL Audio News on the linked club repeaters. Moved and seconded to accept the proposal. The Board approved the proposal.

VE Team Badges - Bill proposed to provide the VE team with name badges as an incentive as well as recognition for their service. After reviewing the potential costs the proposal was approved.

2023 Testing Schedule - Bill announced the schedule for the testing for every month had been filed with the Laurel VEC and will be submitted to ARRL. Sessions will when the MDC QSO Party would conflict. (this includes Holy Saturday and Veterans Day)

Appoinment of Assistant Treasurer - Kevin McGee, KC3SGL, was appointed Assistant Treasurer. He is running for Treasurer for 2023 and will be willing to serve for three years.

Misc: There was a discussion regarding the positions available for the 2023 Board elections. The Vice President and at least one Board positon still need to be filled.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

After the meeting Milford, N3WYG, arrived and presented a status update regarding the DFRC and the potential impacts to the club.