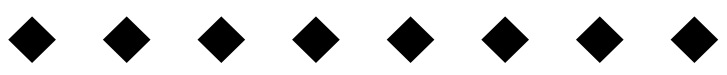




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Devils Tower Amateur Radio Club

DTARC ENCOUNTERS



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Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

**DTARC Ham of the Year:
Jerry Boone, WY7JB
Treasurer extraordinary!
CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Presented at our Annual Meeting,
June 23, 2023



Dwayne Allen & Jerry Boone



Minutes of the June 23, 2023 DTARC Meeting

The June meeting was opened by President Dwayne Allen at 6:26 pm.

There were 10 members present: Dwayne, Betty, Pat, Al, Wade, Mac, Katie, Terry and Jerry Boone.

The Treasurer's report was given by the treasurer, Jerry Boone. He spoke about the Club's bank account balance and the cost of our liability insurance renewal. He also spoke about our previous vote to contribute \$170 towards the annual power bill for the building. He hasn't yet done so because the cost to have the power turned back on after it was disconnected last month was unexpectedly higher than expected. Wade noted that there may be credits pending from the power company so Dwayne and Wade will look into the matter with the Farm Bureau Treasurer.

Dues for the next year are now due and payable. Jerry B. made a motion to accept his report which was then seconded by Terry. All members voted in favor.

Dwayne then asked about approving the minutes from the May meeting which were posted online in the Club newsletter. Since all members had read them, Katie made a motion to accept the minutes. Terry seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. Everyone also let Betty know how good the newsletter was.

Election of a new slate of Officers was next on the agenda and Terry gave the report for the nominating committee. The following names were submitted for consideration:

President: Dwayne Allen

Vice President: Wade Dennis

Treasurer: Jerry Boone

Secretary: Al Wessel

The names proposed for the two At-Large positions were

Ken Bollinger and Terry Van Benschoten.

Since Dwayne was a nominee, Clay took over as chair in order to conduct the election. Terry made a motion to accept the entire slate of officers as presented. Betty seconded the motion and all present voted in favor. As the newly re-elected President of DTARC, Dwayne then resumed as Chair of the meeting.

The next item to be discussed was the upcoming financial audit as required by the Club bylaws. Jerry will schedule the audit so that it is completed before the next monthly meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: Field Day plans were briefly discussed. We'll be operating as a 1 Alpha station this year.

Dwayne and Katie presented Jerry Boone with the 2022 DTARC Ham of the Year award. Go, Jerry!

The motion to adjourn was made by Al and seconded by Terry at 7:03 pm. All present voted in favor.

Patricia Boone
Secretary

Please note that our next meeting has been scheduled at Sunny Divide for Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 6:pm.

During Field Day this year, we tested a fellow named Pete who was visiting from Canandaigua, New York and guess what? He passed and guess what again, he got on the radio for his debut! SUPER!!!



Jerry and Pete with Clay keeping the record!

DTARC's Field Day efforts:

Once again, DTARC held Field Day up at Sunny Divide. This year we had a modest effort. We only set up fishing-pole verticals on 10, 15 and 20 meters, a 40-meter dipole and a 6-element beam on 6-meter. The Get on The Air (GOTA) station was mentored by Jerry, WY7JB and was once again solar powered 100 percent of the time. We ran one other station.

The weather had us hold off on setting up until early Saturday morning. We had to rush to be running by the start of the operations portion of Field Day. This delay was why we didn't put up our tri-bander. We operated voice on the GOTA station. During the daylight hours we ran voice on 10, 15 and 20, and FT* on 6-meters. At night, we ran voice on 40 and FT8 on 20. As I said, this was a modest setup.

One of the highlights of Field Day was a successful testing session. Peter was visiting Jerry and Pat from Canandaigua, NY for their

granddaughter's wedding. He dropped by Sunny Divide and helped set up and then operated on the GOTA station. He had been studying for a bit. When a thunderstorm forced us to take a break from operating, he took his test and was successful. Being from New York, his call sign is KE2BPQ. We wish Peter all the best and hope he takes advantage of all Ham Radio has to offer. Thanks go to Jerry for helping him study. Jerry truly is a fabulous teacher.

THANK
YOU

A BIG THANK YOU TO
PAT BOONE, KF7PTK,
FOR HER EXCELLENT
SECRETARIAL TALENTS
THESE PAST TWO
YEARS!!

Elections were also held at our Annual Meeting: Al Wessel is our new Secretary, replacing Pat Boone AND Terry Van Benschoten has replaced Al as a Member-at-Large.

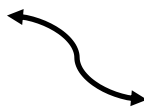
The current DTARC Board Members are listed on page 4.

AND NOW THE BAD NEWS . . .

Kelly Dennis was kind enough to post a picture of the "bombs" that were hurled during a recent storm. Fortunately, the destruction to our Sunny Divide clubhouse, although quite disconcerting, was relatively minimal. A team: Jerry, Bill, Mac, Dwayne, Katie, Betty and Terry showed up, cleaned up, and secured the building.



Pile of glass from broken window. Interestingly, when this window went, it took out a pane across the room, which, when recovered laying on the grass, was whole and undamaged. With a few small nails, and expert workmen, it was replaced.



Our MISSION

to organize and train local Amateur Radio Operators to be capable of maintaining communications as a public service.
 To promote interest and proficiency in
amateur radio communications
 with respect to improving operating and technical skills.

DTARC Board Members:

Dwayne Allen, WY7FD, President
 Wade Dennis, KD7KNZ, Vice President
 Jerry Boone, WY7JB, Treasurer
 Al Wessel, N0VMD, Secretary
 Ken Bollinger, KF7PTK, Member at large
 Terry Van Benschoten, W0VB, Member at large

Newsletter Material!

Feel free to communicate.
 Feedback is important and welcomed.
 We will be looking for contributions,
 pictures, etc.

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