

Minutes of the February 25, 2023, DTARC Meeting

The February meeting was opened by President Dwayne Allen at 12:10 PM. There were 11 members present: Dwayne, Katie, Betty, Jerry Boone, Jerry Hawley, Pat, Terry, Al, Cynda, Brady and Bill Vance.

The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer, Jerry Boone. A motion was made by Terry and seconded by Bill to approve the report. All present voted in favor.

Old Business:

Betty received a great deal of praise for the club newsletter she published several days ago. She then gave a report about it and explained that the newsletter's goal was to make a visual connection with the public. Betty asked for pictures, announcements, things to share and suggestions for a name of the newsletter. After several names were considered and discussed, a motion to choose the name "DTARC Encounters" was made by Katie and seconded by Terry. All present voted in favor.

Terry had no new information to share regarding the upcoming election of club officers. The election will take place during Field Day, the last weekend in June.

The idea of an ARISS (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station) contact for the schools was discussed. A motion for the club to pursue the idea was made by Terry and seconded by

Jerry Hawley. All voted in favor. A committee consisting of Jerry, Katie, Al, Cynda and Brady was formed to reach out to the schools, explain and promote the idea and publicize the event. Jerry will lead the committee which will begin by contacting the school district superintendent. If we have Mr. Broderson's approval, we'll then reach out to all the school principals. The best location for an actual ARISS contact will be at Moorcroft school due to its open terrain.

New Business:

Our next hands-on project of oatmeal box receivers was tabled till our next meeting on April 29, 2023.

Dwayne announced that the club won an award for its June VHF Activities. There were several members that showed up at the Dennis farm. DTARC had the best score in both the Rocky Mountain Division and the Wyoming Section.

The June VHF contest for 2023 is scheduled for the second full weekend in June.

Winter Field Day was discussed. The club members who braved the weather and operated at Sunny Divide were Dwayne, Wade and Al.

Dwayne discussed plans for setting up repeaters at two locations: Al and Cynda's home and the possibility of a repeater installing on Warren Peak.

Our next meeting will be at 11:00am on April 29th at Sunny Divide with the possibility of a potluck.

The motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 1:30pm with all present voting in favor.

Patricia Boone
Secretary