

Minutes of the July 16, 2022, DTARC Meeting

The July meeting was opened by President Dwayne Allen at 12:30 PM. There were 10 members present: Dwayne Allen, Katie Allen, Betty Breen, Jerry Boone, Pat Boone, Terry Van Benschoten, Al Wessel, Cynda Wessel, Wade Dennis and Clay Hutchinson. We enjoyed having Clay's kids there at the meeting along with Al and Cynda's daughter, a friend of hers and an adorable lost kitten all wanted to take home.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Jerry Boone. He provided the income and expense figures for the month as well as the balance in the Club's account.

Dwayne then asked the members to accept the minutes from the June 2022 meeting, which are posted on the website. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Wade and seconded by Terry. All present voted in favor.

Old Business: We were informed by Katie that our club does not currently qualify under the criteria for the grant we were trying to apply for. It appears we need to get more community involvement to be eligible.

Wade noted that Range might be willing to offer space on their repeater tower to the Club. He suggested that we write a letter on DTARC letterhead to request tower access. In the following discussion, Dwayne said that Terry is getting a cabinet for our repeater. He explained that the plan is to have a 440Mhz and a 2 Meter linked system. He also mentioned a plan for a 6-meter split repeater located at two different sites. With the 6M transmitter and the receiver being widely separated, an expensive duplexer would not be necessary. He explained that the 6M separation distance would have to be 2 to 3 miles and suggested possibly locating the transmitter in Moorcroft and the receiver on Warren Peak. A motion was made by Terry and seconded by Betty to have Katie draw up a letter to the Range Board of Directors requesting tower access. All voted in favor with none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS: Dwayne discussed the idea of changing the meeting time in hopes of more members being able to attend. We are going to try Thursday nights so the next meeting will be held at 6:30PM on August 18th at Sunny Divide. We may consider having supper before the meeting. We also talked about having some informal breakfast gatherings in the future.

Dwayne discussed the hope for scheduling a soldering class for when summer winds down. He has seen some small radio project kits that are not expensive which should work well for

someone learning or improving their soldering skills. He'll research possible kits and post information to the club website for comments. He's thinking of this being held as evening classes at Sunny Divide at the end of summer.

The ARRL Division Convention will be in Cheyenne this year and hopefully some of our members will be able to attend.

The motion was made to close the meeting at 1:40 by Katie, seconded by Jerry and all approved.

Patricia Boone
Secretary