

# Anderson Repeater Club, Inc.

**March, 2024**

The March Anderson Repeater Club meeting is Tuesday, March 5, 7:00PM at the EOC. Please plan to attend. Attached are the Minutes from the January meeting.

## **Anderson Repeater Club November Meeting Minutes from Tuesday January 2, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 1900 by President Ferrin, N9VZL. There were a few new faces present, so everyone introduced themselves.

New Member applications have been received for David Lowe, K9TTA, and Audry Lowe, K3TTE. Upon motion by WA9CWE and second by K9TZJ that they be accepted as full members all present voted in favor and they were welcomed to the Club membership.

Meeting Minutes - Ferrin asked if everyone had received the November Meeting Minutes in the Newsletter and all indicated that they had. Upon motion of K9TZJ and second by KC9DJU that they be accepted as printed all present voted in favor.

Silent Keys/Illnesses – No Silent Keys were reported. Jeff, AK9JS, reported that Bruce Armstrong, W9ALA, has a major illness (not a member).

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Gerald, K9GLH, reported that the November account was \$4,004.39. Deposits of \$280 for dues resulted in a year-end treasury of \$4,284.39. This does not include dues received at this meeting. Upon motion by W9GNR and second by AK9JS that the report be accepted all present voted in favor.

Correspondence – Secretary Steve, WA9CWE, reported that the current provider of the Club Liability Insurance is no longer going to provide it (Expires March 7). The ARRL has a recommended provider. He will get us switched over to the new provider.

146.82 Repeater Report – Trustee Tom, KA9SYP, reported it is working fine. He thought that the sensitivity might have been down a bit earlier, but it seems OK now. No one reported any issues.

147.09 Repeater Report – Trustee Jeff, K9DYR, said that seems to be working fine. He did get a report from an IRLP manager that the sensitivity might be down, although he hasn't noticed it. Jeff will follow up on it.

443.350 Repeater Report – Trustee Steve, WA9CWE, reported it is working fine and the nets are using it regularly. Lynn, K9RLE, reported that since it is an EMA RF package, they paid for a Service Technician to check it out and confirm the programming. It's working as expected. It can be

accessed with a handheld from downtown Elwood. An earlier concern about an issue when holding a net turned out to be a problem with the net control station's radio.

223.86 Repeater Report – No report.

145.39 Repeater Report – The Madison County ARC repeater is working fine now. Doug, N9DR, has taken over the

Trustee responsibility for that repeater.

Warning Division Weather Report – Tom, W9EEL, reported that the present “drab” weather will continue. It is possible that next Tuesday we may have a lot of rain or perhaps snow if the weather pattern changes.

EMA Report – Director Jeff, K9DYR, reported that the NWS weather station located at the EOC is operational. It was having an issue, so their technician was up yesterday and repaired it. He was very familiar with the great reputation that our County has with the NWS. Jeff reminded everyone that Lynn was working on outreach activities for this year, and we need amateurs to participate and showcase our hobby.

ARES Report – EC Gary, W9GNR, reported that in 2023 hams donated 3,216 volunteer hours.

VE Report – Steve, WA9CWE, reported that for 2023 we held 12 test sessions serving 54 candidates resulting in 29 new licenses and 19 upgrades. We'll be testing each month in 2024.

Upcoming Activities – Gary, W9GNR, listed the upcoming activities in our county. The MCARC will be holding Winter Field Day the end of this month, operating from the ECC. Steve reminded everyone that there is an activity calendar on our web site that Tom keeps current and lists several upcoming activities for the year.

Election of Officers for 2024 – Ferrin opened that floor for nominations for all Officer positions for this year. There were no nominations. Upon a motion by K9TZJ and second by KD9PZR that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the existing officers all members present voted in favor. Therefore the officers for 2024 are:

President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer

.82 Trustee

.09 Trustee 223.86 Trustee Tech Committee

Old Business – None New Business – None Show & Tell – None Door Prize Drawing – A

Ferrin Nice, N9VZL

Gary Sherman, W9GNR

Steve Riley, WA9CWE

Gerald Hollon, K9GDH

Tom Ecker, KA9SYP

Jeff Dyer, K9DYR

Lynn Edens, K9LRE

Dale Bales, KV9W, Gary Sherman, W9GNR, Jeff Stewart, AK9JS

2-meter Ringo Antenna was won by Tony, KD9PZR.

Technical Session – Steve, WA9CWE, offered a Technical Session on BALUNS/UNUNS/Chokes and explained what each is and their function, how used on various antennas and additionally some history related to older hams in the club. Some discussion also included other members experiences with their antennas. These devices were available for inspection.

Upon a motion by K9TZJ and second by AK9JS the meeting was closed at 2002. There were 23 members and one guest signed in to the attendance sheet.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Riley, WA9CWE, Secretary ARC