

**SIARC MINUTES
IRREGULAR MEETING JANUARY 13, 2021**

NOTE: Due to Covid -19 considerations, this month's meeting is being held on the air, via the K2BWK repeater, 146.22/82, at the Canandaigua VA. An examination session is being held at the EOC in Hopewell, overseen by Russ, N2IZV.

CALLED TO ORDER at 7:28 or so:

- Presiding: President Tom Sanders KB2NCI

CHECKINS

1. KB2NCI
2. WB2VMR
3. W2ODD
4. W2SCL
5. N2VCY
6. K2VJK
7. WA2SSJ
8. KA1CNF
9. KD2UEZ
10. KD2SZU
11. N2EZY
12. WB2KAO
13. KD2LGE

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- Not on website yet; reading skipped

TREASURER'S REPORT (NONE)

- Balance \$2135.77 at November meeting.

RACES UPDATE

- Repeaters still on air, including Dstar, and nets continue on Sunday nights
- Leftovers from November meeting:
 - Standardized frequency plan still in the works to be issued when finalized
 - Geneva RACES station will have rigrunners, 12v ps circuit, and antenna switches installed when time permits. FIDigi to TS2000 connection still not fixed, and ID badges for Geneva group still not done. Geneva City Hall open MWF, T TH by appointment.

OPERATING NOTES

- WB2KAO wishes Tom a happy National Pharmacists' Day, yesterday.
- K2VJK has new SDR to use as panadapter for main rig.
- WB2VMR has nanoVNA, a small touch screen type device that displays band pass, filter wave forms, from 50 kHz up to giga something. Will work as antenna analyzer, too, competes well with very expensive analyzers. Google nanoVNA, available on Amazon and other sites. Band width can be set from, say, 139 to 145, and analyze

antenna within that narrow range. Also got a tinySA, spectrum analyzer from 10 kHz to a gig, \$50-100 range. Also got Anytone 878 for DMR from Bridgecom via Amazon for about \$220, including 78 lesson course in how to set it up. Has APRS and GPS built in, and will do analog. Over 10,000 memory locations. No problems yet.

- KD2LGE checked in with new 7100; sounds good. Big improvement.
- WB2VMR suggested NYS RACES net on Sunday 0900 at 3993.5 LSB. We're in Region 5, most checkins from our area, although other stations around state check in as well. Good opportunity to at least listen to an HF net. Pennsylvania net goes at 0830 on same frequency.
- Other nets include Saturday 28.405 at 7:30 PM; Tuesday at 7 or 7:30 has net on the WB2KAO repeater 444.80. Monday at 7PM on 145.11 AWA net; ROCcity night is possibly Wednesday nights; lots of opportunity to check in locally.
- K2VJK notes 3.5835 USB RACES digital net on Sunday mornings after state RACES voice net.

VE TESTING

- Tim [WB2KAO](#) noted that RARA will be running VE testing this Saturday, at Shriners Facility, 104 Bay Road, 10 am; register at rochesterham.org. Should continue on 3rd Saturday of each month; have large dining area available for testing.
- SIARC testing tonight had 5 or 6 candidates; no report yet.

NEXT MEETING

- TBD

ADJOURNMENT/SIGN OFF: 8:04 PM

RS: John WA2SSJ