

# Mesab Wireless Association

Amateur Radio Service

Minutes  
March 14, 2024

## Opening

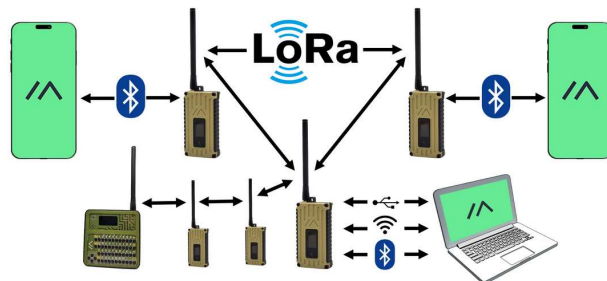
A meeting was held on March 14, 2024, at Messiah Lutheran Church. The following individuals were present:

## Members Present

KFØLAY - Dean Rosier, President  
K5PFF - John Lindquist, Vice President  
KAØDNQ – Brian Pfeifer, Treasurer (By Phone)  
NØAGX - Don Downs, Secretary  
KDØUAK - Russ Uber  
WØUKI – Lyle Matson  
KFØLQJ - Chris Freeman

## Show&Tell

Attendees were encouraged to share. Chris shared his Meshtastic® device “which enables you to use inexpensive LoRa radios as a long range off-grid communication platform in areas without existing or reliable communications infrastructure.”



Source <https://meshtastic.org/docs/introduction/>

Dean announced he had passed his Extra license being assigned the call, AEØYO.

Dean called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A quorum was declared.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved. A quote for event insurance to cover Field Day was obtained at \$200/yr. Brian will investigate rates from local agents. The club property insurance will be amended to cover the IC750. A motion to obtain an equipment insurance policy of less than \$50/yr. was made and passed. Payment of Minnesota Repeater Council due of \$10 was approved. Club dues were collected. Non-profit certification for the club will be explored.

### **Old Business**

A motion was made and approved to authorize a check be written to cover the deposit of \$50 for usage of the church facility for Skywarn Training to be held April 15, 2024. A donation basket will be available for use by attendees.

A draft letter of appreciation was approved for Cathy Rosier. John will formalize the draft and forward it to Cathy.

Several service providers have failed to respond to the Club's RFQ for antenna installation on the Gilbert Water Tower. If no response is forthcoming, other alternatives will be pursued to include relocation.

Lyle was given Pete Makowski's name for Field Day coordination with the VARC.

A presentation on radio message handling was given by Dean covering the preparation of the ARRL Radiogram. A future presentation will cover net schedules and frequencies for message transmittal.

### **New Business**

Chris asked the club to consider extending an invitation to the GMRS community to share in the interest of radio. The development of radio technology using amateur radio is part of the club's mission.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

**Next Meeting** – 6:30PM on April 11, 2024.

**Submitted By:**

**Don Downs**

**Approved by:**

**Dean Rosier**