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Ballot for bylaws change proposal

If voting by mail, this original ballot must be received by the club at it's Post Office Box by Monday February 4, 2008. AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 24551, Omaha NE 68124. Please ensure your **callsign** and the word **Ballot or vote** is on your envelope for accounting purposes. The envelopes will be checked to verify they came from a voting member, the ballots will be removed from the envelope and shuffled for privacy, and then counted by the Board of Directors.

If voting in Person at the February AARC meeting you will be issued a ballot at that time.

As required by the laws of the State of Nebraska, proxies will also be accepted. Please provide this in writing to the club officers prior to the start of the February meeting.

Please see pages 4 & 9 for the full text of the proposals

Please circle one choice

Ballots were mailed out to all Voting members of the AARC

Regular Ham Hum Distribution Will Resume next month

Thank You

AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Ham Hum

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January 2008

Annual Meeting News

At the December meeting of the AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, we had elections, motions, door prizes and food. For those who missed all the fun, here is a recap.

Elections

We elected four Board of Directors, a Vice President, and a President.

Serving as President for 2008 is Greg Babbit WØAAI

For Vice President in 2008 is Mary Joseph NØTRK

For Board of Directors 2008-2009

- Doug Rathman NGØK
- Brian Zdan KMØY
- Dan Olsen KD7GSW
- Jim Harper KCØSHZ

Returning to the Board of Directors for the 2007-2008 term is

- Rollie Miller ABØNN
- Corby Krick KØSKW
- Marvin Taylor AEØEG
- Steve Schmitz NØUP

The Secretary and Treasurer will be elected by the members of the Board of Directors, from the members of the Board.

Door Prizes

Jim KCØSHZ did an excelent job in securing a good assortment of door prizes.

Motions

There were several motions made durring the meeting.

- Reduce the number of members elected to the Board of Directors from 8 to 4 (full text is included inside)
- Modify the procedure to change the bylaws for clarity
- Add the Ex-Officio to he Board of Directors
- Correct a typo

These proposals will be voted on at the February meeting. There is a ballot inside this issue to use if you are unable to attend the meeting.

HAM HUM is the official newsletter of the AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc. in Omaha, Nebraska. It is printed monthly and is distributed to members of the club, local disaster officials, local electronics outlets, and editors of other ham radio newsletters.

Articles about activities of members are solicited. The subject matter must be of general interest to radio amateurs and be understandable to a significant portion of the membership. No payment will be made to contributors and submissions will be subject to the usual editorial review. Articles containing statements that could be construed as libel or slander will not be accepted. No guarantee can be made that an accepted article will be published by a certain date. Send your contributions to Ham Hum, P.O. Box 24551, Omaha, NE 68124-0551 or email hamhum@aksarbenarc.org. Please contact the editor for permission to reprint anything appearing in the Ham Hum.

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2008-2009 Board	Dan Olsen	KD7GSW		
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Contest Calendar

January, 2008

Hunting Lions in the Air Contest	0000Z, Jan 12 to 2400Z, Jan 13
Midwinter Contest, CW	1400Z-2000Z, Jan 12
North American QSO Party, CW	1800Z, Jan 12 to 0600Z, Jan 13
NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW	0530Z-0730Z, Jan 13
Midwinter Contest, Phone	0800Z-1400Z, Jan 13
NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB	0800Z-1000Z, Jan 13
DARC 10-Meter Contest	0900Z-1059Z, Jan 13
Hungarian DX Contest	1200Z, Jan 19 to 1200Z, Jan 20
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Jan 19 to 0600Z, Jan 20
CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW	0000Z, Jan 26 to 2359Z, Jan 27
REF Contest, CW	0600Z, Jan 26 to 1800Z, Jan 27
SARL Youth for Amateur Radio	0700Z-1100Z, Jan 26
BARTG RTTY Sprint	1200Z, Jan 26 to 1200Z, Jan 27
UBA DX Contest, SSB	1300Z, Jan 26 to 1300Z, Jan 27

February 2008

Vermont QSO Party	0000Z, Feb 2 to 2400Z, Feb 3
10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB	0001Z, Feb 2 to 2359Z, Feb 3
Minnesota QSO Party	1400Z-2400Z, Feb 2
Delaware QSO Party	1700Z, Feb 2 to 0100Z, Feb 4
SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Feb 9 to 1000Z, Feb 10
Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW	1100Z-1300Z, Feb 9
Dutch PACC Contest	1200Z, Feb 9 to 1200Z, Feb 10
FISTS Winter Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Feb 9
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Feb 16 to 2400Z, Feb 17
CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	0000Z, Feb 23 to 2359Z, Feb 24
REF Contest, SSB	0600Z, Feb 23 to 1800Z, Feb 24
UBA DX Contest, CW	1300Z, Feb 23 to 1300Z, Feb 24
North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Feb 23 to 0600Z, Feb 24

For details check the following web site the week prior to the contest.
<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>

Upcoming Events

January 8	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Business Meeting, 7:00 PM, Red Cross
January 11	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Club Meeting, 7:30 PM, Red Cross
January 12	NCARC Superfest, Ft Collins CO
January 26	Net Control Training, 10-Noon, Salvation Army, 3612 Cummings
February 2	Hamfest, Midway ARC, Buffalo Co Fairgrounds
February 5	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Business Meeting, 7:00 PM, Red Cross
February 8	AK-SAR-BEN ARC Club Meeting, 7:30 PM, Red Cross

Motion by WB0CMC to change from 8 BoD members to 4

The text of the proposed bylaws change is on page 4

14 December, 2007

Whereas: The membership in the Aksarben Amateur radio club is now only around 250, and,

Whereas: It has become increasingly difficult to find people who are willing to hold office, and,

Whereas: It has become impossible at some board meetings to conduct business due to lack of a Quorum,

I hereby move that the number of board members of the Aksarben Amateur Radio Club be reduced to four (4) from the present eight (8). Additionally, that the terms remain at two years with two being elected each year (one half of the board) as it is now. Further, that those whose terms are not up next year continue to serve their term. In the event that one or two should resign over the interim, they would not be replaced for the remainder of the term. If passed, beginning next year only two would be elected for a two-year term. This would mean that for 2009 there would be 6 board members unless one or more resigned, and in 2010 the then normal four of this motion. Finally, that the by-laws be amended to reflect this motion, if passed.

If passed, The Club direction would be: President, Vice president, four directors at large, and the immediate past president. Secretary and treasurer would be from the board as they are now.

John Gebuhr, WB0CMC

Meeting Programs

January Matt Anderson, KA0BOJ, on the ARRL
February Dar Piatt, W9HZC, on Kitbuilding

Please let your Vice President Mary, N0TRK, know if you have any ideas or requests for programs in 2008.

We are working to having a new and interesting program each month so be sure to make plans to come to the AARC meetings.

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Membership
Form
2008

This form may be used for any of the following purposes (check all that apply):

- A. _____ Pay Dues _____ Renew _____ New
B. _____ Change of Mailing Address
C. _____ Update personal information (new callsign, upgrade, etc)

Personal Information

Callsign _____ License Class _____ Name : _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____ ARRL Member ? Yes No

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Spouse Information (Complete Only For Spouse Applying at Same Time)

Callsign _____ License Class _____ Name : _____

Email address: _____ ARRL Member Yes No

Minor Dependent (Complete Only For Minors Applying at the Same Time)

Callsign License Class Name ARRL Member?

_____ - Yes No

_____ - Yes No

_____ - Yes No

Annual Dues
(January thru December)

For Club Use Only – DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA

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|---|--|---------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Full Member | \$20.00 year | Amount: _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Accompanying Spouse | \$ 4.00 year | Amount: _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Accompanying Minor
Dependent | \$ 4.00 year x # of minors
renewing | Amount: _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Student Member (full time
student) | \$ 8.00 year | Amount: _____ |

Total Paid: _____

Mail to:

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Omaha, NE 68124

Proposal to change the bylaws 12/14/2007 Revision 3

There are 4 proposals to change the bylaws before the club, these proposed changes follow. Please read through them, and plan on attending the February AARC meeting or sending your ballot back before the deadline to vote on these proposals. If there are any questions, please ask a Board Member or attend one of the January or February meetings.

Change from 8 directors to 4 directors (WB0CMC)

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 6 – DIRECTORS – There shall be ~~eight~~ four directors, two of which shall serve as the secretary and treasurer. They shall be authorized to suggest policies, new projects, programs and to carry on such business as may be required in the general operation of the club. The change from eight to four directors will occur by 2010, for 2009 only 2 directors will be elected, and for 2010 2 will be elected bringing the total to 4 directors. (Change proposed 12/14/2007)

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS AND QUORUMS

Section 2

B. A quorum for the board meeting shall consist of at least ~~five~~ fifty percent of the elected board members. Any vote taken at a board meeting must carry by a simple majority vote of the board in attendance. (Change proposed 12/14/2007)

Modify the procedure to change the bylaws for clarity (N0UP)

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

Section 1 - PROPOSALS TO AMEND: Proposals for amendments to the bylaws shall be submitted in writing at a membership meeting. The proposals shall be read to the members present, and upon approval of a two-thirds majority of those present, shall be further considered in accordance with Section 2 of this Article. The language of the proposal may be revised so long as the concept and intent of the original proposal is retained. (Change proposed 12/14/2007)

Section 2 - APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS:

Continued on page 9

A. The text of the proposed amendment, after due consideration by the voting board and/or duly appointed committee(s), shall be submitted to the general membership at least 30 days in advance of a vote.

B. A ballot shall be submitted to each member by mail, including any special voting instructions and deadlines. A proposed amendment to the bylaws shall be adopted if approved by two-thirds of ballots returned by the established deadline. ~~A proposed amendment to the bylaws shall be adopted if approved by a simple majority of ballots returned by the established deadline.~~ (Change proposed 12/14/2007, deletion only, no additions)

Proposal to add the Ex-Officio to the Board of Directors (N0UP)

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2 – PRESIDENT: The PRESIDENT shall preside over all meetings. The president shall be responsible for the orderly conduct of business at all meetings. The president shall appoint all committee chairpersons and shall be an ex officio member of all committees. The president shall be responsible for compliance with the bylaws of the club. The president shall be responsible for insuring that all required club documents are filed with the appropriate agencies, and that the documents are current and up-to-date. The president shall perform all other duties customary to the office of the president. The President shall also be an Ex-Officio member of the Board of Directors the year(s) following the elected term. (Change proposed 12/14/2007)

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Section 6A – Ex-Officio Member – The Last Past President shall serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors. (Addition proposed 12/14/2007)

Proposal to correct typo (N0UP)

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS AND QUORUMS

A. A quorum shall consist of a minimum of ten ~~per cent~~ percent (10%) of total voting membership to include at least two board members. (Typo repair proposed 12/14/2007)

DSTAR News

As announced at the December AARC meeting, a new DSTAR Repeater has been put on the air in Omaha Nebraska. The KD0CGR repeater is operating on 145.175. This is an open repeater and will soon be tied into the DSTAR network.

For more information, please contact John Gebuhr WB0CMC or Greg Babbitt W0AAI



NCARC - SUPERFEST

Northern Colorado Amateur Radio Club
Winter Superfest, Saturday, January 12th, 2008

The Lincoln Center in Fort Collins, CO
Doors open at 8am. Vendor setup at 6am.
Admission \$5. Tables \$5 (includes 1 admission).

More information and a flyer in PDF:

www.ncarc.us
www.ncarc.net

VEEP SPEEKS

By Vice President, Mary Joseph, N0TRK

Hello everyone...

Its time to start thinking about the new year and what types of programs you would like to see in the upcoming months.

January will be our section manager - Matt Anderson KA0BOJ giving us a League update. February will lead us into the realm of kit building. So we have a little breathing room...

Ham radio has so many facets but we need to know what interests you!

Are you or some one you know experimenting with a new or at least new to you mode? A few that come to mind are WinDRM, PACTOR, SSTV, RTTY, Packet (HF and/or VHF), APRS, D-Star. Do you know some one who works amateur satellites or likes to build antennas?

Did you find some really cool software? Or perhaps you would like to learn more about 800 Mhz digital radios, GMRS radios... would you like to learn more about ATV?

Do you lean towards community service? Want to learn more about ARES? Would you like to have a tour of the Emergency Operations Center? Omaha Metro Medical Response System (OMMRS)? or Citizen's Emergency Response Teams (CERT)? Maybe a tour of the police mobile command center?

And not all topics have to be ham radio related at all. We have had some great programs on UFO's and radio controlled air craft, we could have a discussion on astronomy, hypnotism, computer networks, or what ever else you might have an interest in.

Let the ideas flow! Posting an idea doesn't mean you have to present a topic, but doing so is a great way to learn more about it. Your VP and default program committee is looking for ideas.

What do you want to see?

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2007

Roll Call

[x] Todd – KKØDX [x] Greg – WØAAI [x] Brian – KMØY
[x] Doug – NGØK [] Bill – KEØXQ [] Marvin – AEØEG
[] Gerry - WA6POZ [] Jim – KCØSHZ [x] Steve - NØUP
[] Corby - KØSKW [x] Rollie - ABØNN

Also present was WBØCMC and KDØCHU

The board meeting was started at 7pm. The minutes for November were accepted as read.

President's Report - Todd, KKØDX – Thanked the board members for a very good year.

Vice President's Report and Programs - Greg, WØAAI – Elections will be held at the next meeting. The January program will be an ARRL Midwest update by Matt Anderson – KAØBOJ.

Treasurer's Report - Brian, KMØY

Checking	3576.96	
Repeater fund	1132.12	
MM acct	5076.29	10.28 interest paid last month
Repeater CD	2059.40	
CD account	14743.00	
Total	26587.77	

There was an extra \$25.13 spent on food and Steve, NØUP moved that we approve \$25.13 extra for food and Rollie, ABØNN seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Old Business

Elections are this Friday. Steve recommended that we add two free memberships to the door prizes and everyone agreed.

New Business

John, WBØCMC – Plans to make a motion in the upcoming club meeting as follows:

Whereas: The membership in the Aksarben Amateur Radio Club is less than 250, and Whereas: It has become increasingly difficult to find people who are willing to hold office, and Whereas: It has become impossible at some board meetings to conduct business due to lack of a Quorum,

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If passed, then beginning with the 2008 election, only two directors would be elected for a two year term. This would mean that for the year 2009 there would be six directors unless one or more resigned, and in the year 2010, the then normal four of this motion.

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John Gebuhr, WBØCMC

Brian KMØY – Attended the George Deas (NWØM) funeral.

Publications – Steve, NØUP - Bought a new B/W toner cart in order to get the next issue printed and submitted a receipt to Brian to be reported next month. The color cart could not be refilled anymore.

The next board meeting will be January 8th at 7pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Doug Rathman, NGØK, AKSARBEN ARC, Inc. Secretary

Help Wanted

The Board of Directors is looking for help in the following positions for 2008.

- Education, we would like to have one or more Technician classes, and there is member interest in General and Extra classes
- Membership, the Membership is seeking assistance
- Website, the webmaster is looking for an assistant or a new webmaster
- Programs, the program chair is looking for ideas for 2008