

# Bloomington Amateur Radio Association

## January 3, 2017 Monthly Meeting – Minutes

Club President, Matt Holden, K0BBC

Club Vice President, Bill Mitchell, AE0EE

The VHF Repeater frequency is 147.09 Mhz + (with an access tone of 100 hz)

The UHF Repeater is 443.175 Mhz + with a DCS code of 047

Use [repeaterbook.com](http://repeaterbook.com) as an online reference for other repeater sites.

The Tuesday January 3, 2017 meeting of the Bloomington Amateur Radio Association (BARA) was held in The Bloomington Civic Plaza McCloud Conference Room.

### Business Meeting:

- Vice President Bill Mitchell, AE0EE called the meeting to order
- Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as submitted.
- Outgoing Treasurer Wayne Snyder provided the checking account balance. Details are to be provided by email.
- Net Control Operators for the upcoming 2017 Sunday evening nets are not all scheduled but members are encouraged to assume this duty as the need arises. Matt Stepaniak will be net control for the February 5, 2017 Sunday Net.
- Suggested topics for future meetings include 'AMSAT' and 'Direction Finding'. Bill Mitchell asked members to forward other ideas to him.

### Announcements:

- The **next meeting** of the Bloomington Amateur Radio Association will be held **Tuesday February 7, 2017 at 7:30 PM**, in the Haeg Conference room at Civic Plaza.

### Election of 2017 Club Officers

Nominations for 2017 Club Officers were taken through this meeting.

The new officers for 2017 were elected and are as follows:

- **President: Matt Holden**
- **Vice President: Bill Mitchell**
- **Secretary: Dan Royer**
- **Treasurer: Brian Esmay**

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Bloomington Amateur Radio Association Membership dues are now payable for the 2017:

Membership dues are as follows:

- Individual Membership: **\$15.00**
- Family Membership: **\$20.00**

Dues may be paid at the February meeting or made on line using the hyperlink below.

<https://mnhamradio.com/membership/pay-dues/>

Thanks to all who helped setup this payment option and keep it functional.

## **JANUARY 2017 PROGRAM**

'Microwave 101' was the topic of our evening program. Janice Hoettels, KA9VVQ and Bruce Richardson W9FZ provide an excellent introduction to microwave technology. Their presentation included pictures of recent road trips and a demonstration of equipment. Several hands on samples were available for examination. The presentation was appreciated by all attending this meeting.

## **ANNOUNCED CONTESTS WHICH OCCURRED THIS MONTH (ALSO ANNOUNCED WITH THE CLUB REFLECTOR)**

Bill Mitchell, AEOEE provided a listing of upcoming events for January and early February. Thanks Bill for keeping members aware of these activities via the club's email google groups reflector.

- January VHF, Jan. 21-22. Rules: <http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf>
- Winter Field Day, Jan. 28-29. Rules: <http://winterfieldday.com/>
- Minnesota QSO Party, Feb. 4, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM local. Rules: <http://w0aa.org/index.php/mn-qso-party>
- Keep on top of DX opportunities at <http://www.dxnews.com>
- **AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE EXAMS**  
Amateur Radio License Exam Tests will be held in the Bloomington on February 18, 2017 and many Saturdays throughout the year. Schedules for 2017 as well as additional information may be obtained at <http://www.bloomington-ve.org>.

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BARA 2017 Club Officers are as follows:

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- Secretary: Dan Royer, KE0OR
- Treasurer, Brian Esmay, AD0MJ

See club website at: <https://mnhamradio.com/> (Grant Gartland, Webmaster)