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## September 2021 Edition

#### **September Meeting Minutes:**

**Russ Ramirez, K0WFS**, called the meeting to order on September 4, 2021 at 1:07 PM. 8 members were in attendance.

- The August 2021 Minutes were approved.
- The Treasurer reported the Society Treasury contains \$2,287.38.

#### **Old Business:**

"Grounding and Bonding" and "New and Upcoming Products" tied as the preferred topic in the survey **Russ Ramirez, KOWFS**, send out prior to today's meeting. After discussion it was decided that Russ would contact DX Engineering and request the "Grounding and Bonding" presentation for the October meeting.

**Paul Bushouse, N0TYE,** noted that he had not received a bill for the clubs liability insurance for some time. Russ will check on the current status. He also will arrange to have the cost of a Zoom

account for the club converted to a club expense going forward.

**Russ Ramirez, KOWFS**, has not heard anything from Minnetonka concerning the status of their meeting facilities. He will contact them for current information with a view to possibly returning to in person meetings.

#### New Business:

It was noted that there are a number of hamfests occurring the near future. QRZ maintains a list of hamfests ( <u>https://forums.qrz.com/index.php?</u> <u>forums/hamfest-and-convention-</u> <u>calendar.12/</u>) as does ARRL (<u>http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search</u>)

**Russ Ramirez, KOWFS**, announced he would not be running for re-election as President. Anyone interested in the positions of either President or Vice President please contact Russ.

#### Show and Tell:

**Kevin Welna, W5LNA**, has obtained a Pixie Kit QRP transceiver kit. He intends to buy more and try to interest members (especially newer members) of the St. Paul Radio Club in building them and working together to get them working.



**Jeremy Mooney, KC0LDI,** brought in a disassembled LED lamp and described some of what he found inside.



A number of YouTube websites with information along similar lines were suggested for anyone interested:

https://www.youtube.com/c/Bigclive/ videos

https://www.youtube.com/c/ AndreasSpiess

https://tech.scargill.net

**Russ Ramirez, K0WFS,** gave a description of one of the devices he works with. The devices are placed in

the homes of handicapped, disabled or elderly clients to provide communications via telephone connections. Essentially panic buttons for summoning help. Russ works with the software that runs in the background to make the systems work the way they do.



#### Presentation:

There was no presentation for September.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Next meeting on October 2, 2021 at 1PM. Location to be determined.

### Club Officers:

President: Russ Ramirez/K0WFS Vice Pres: Bob Liesenfeld/WB0POQ Secretary: Bede Willenbring/WA0QNV Treasurer: Paul Bushouse/N0TYE At Large: Thomas Kent/WM0SS russ.ramirez@gmail.com wb0poq@gmail.com b.willenbring@centurylink.net p-bushouse@bethel.edu tkent1952@gmail.com