

EARS Meeting Minutes 1/20/26
Springfield Justice Center
Called to Order @ 1900

Members Present: Howard Saxion WX7HS, Ann Eikenberry KJ7CWV, Don Metheny AI7AD, Ken Vogeney KG7QPL, Bob Walters AD7Z, Steve Moreen N7AQ, Lynnae Clark KK7OWK, Jim Horstrup KK7OWJ, Dave Cole NK7Z, Kathryn Catherwood KI7RNU, Doc Shankle W7DOK, Glenn Stutzman KJ7JIV, Jim Reed AI7LH, Bill Phillips W7AJP, James Trietsch KJ7CNJ, J Thorpe K9CZI Shelby Thorpe KM7DEC, Nelson Farrier NF7Z, Larry Nissen N7LAN, Tony Tuerk N7KQC, Duane Sherman N7DLS, Michael Peacor N7PEA, Dick Bays KD7FY, Jeff Hammond NT7B, Dean Hale KF7CR, Ken Miller W7PL, Carol McLeod KF7WJK

Non-Members: Tori Roberts newly licensed, Duane Esperum, Glen Shiery AF6Z, unnamed guest

Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to outgoing Board members by Howard WX7HS to Ann KJ7CWV, Don AI7AD, Ken KG7QPL

EARS Board of Directors Election

Nominating Committee – Lynnae KK7OWK: presentation of decorative signs to board members

- Doc W7DOK: expressed appreciation to Lynnae for her leadership of the Nominating Committee

Nominated Officers

Steve N7AQ for President

Bill W7AJP for Vice President

Glenn KJ7JIV for Secretary

Howard WX7HS for Treasurer

Bob AD7Z for Member at Large

No nominations from the floor

Moved by Doc W7DOK/seconded by Jim KK7OWJ to close nominations and elect Board members as presented with single vote, approved by unanimous voice vote

Presentation: Software Defined Radio (SDR) by Michael Peacor N7PEA

Break (10 min)

Announcements

- EARS Net, every Thursday at 7:00 PM on the WA7FQD Repeater (146.740, -0.6 offset, 100 Hz Tone) – We always need more net control operators
- VE Test Session, Saturday December 20, 2025, 1:00 pm Springfield Justice Center – 3 candidates for Tech & all passed, one also passed his General! Next VE session is same day as Rickreall – decision pending on whether session will be canceled
- EARS Breakfast February 14, 2026, 10:00 am at Primetime Sports Bar, Mohawk Blvd., Springfield (Note: 17 people attended the January breakfast!) Ann KJ7CWV will continue sending out announcements for breakfast reservations

Reports

- Programs and Outreach Activities (Ann, KJ7CWV): Michael Peacor (N7PEA) will be presenting in February; Bill will be arranging future outreach activities
- Treasurer (Don, AI7AD) and Approval of December Treasurer's Report and 2025 Annual Report: m Bob /s Doc / c unanimous by voice
- Secretary (Ken, KG7QPL) and Approval of December 2025 Meeting Minutes: m Doc /s Jim / c unanimous
- New Member Applications Reading and Approval (Ken): None
- Electronics Course (Steve, N7AQ): Beginning February 2nd Steve and Nelson NF7Z are planning an 8-session hands-on class series on electronics, sign up for more info, no cost for class though students will need to buy their supplies (prepackaged kit available)
- Winter Field Day (Steve, N7AQ): January 24 operating from EARS station
- Rickreall – EARS will have a Club table this year
- EARS Repeater and Station Update (Steve, N7AQ): repeater work waiting for tower climber availability
- ARES Update (Kathryn, KI7RNU): last year was about getting ARES established, 2026 is about growth: 9-session training class beginning in January, and developing Springfield EmComm, ARES SET in May w/ OEM actively participating for Lane County

Old Business:

- EARS Patches (\$5) & Name Badges (\$15) (Ken, KG7QPL & Steve, N7AQ)
- 50/50 drawing – Tony Tuerk N7KQC donated winnings to the club – Thanks Tony!

New Business:

Dave NK7Z received a Trident Award from ARRL – Congratulations Dave!

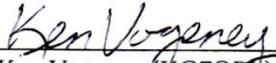
Good of the order/Brag:

- Dick KD7FY was on medical radio check to Salem and others, but many statewide stations couldn't reach Salem, suspect the solar storm this week impacted propagation

Next Meeting: February 17, 2026 at 7 pm in the Springfield EOC

Adjourned 2032

Minutes prepared by:


Ken Vogeney (KG7QPL), EARS Secretary

Dated: 2/7/2026