



Warrensburg Amateur Radio Club Inc.
Club Meeting Minutes Aug 11, 2012



Warrensburg Area Amateur Radio Club Minutes for August 11, 2012

The meeting started at 9:00 am.

Steve (KC0YEH) presided and started with introductions.

Gary (WA0BTM) made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Keith (WE0G) seconded. Motion was carried.

Keith (WE0G) read the treasurers report. Keith also announced that Stu Skaar (N8OXU) had paid his dues and was the club's 100th member for 2012. Gary (WA0BTM) made a motion to accept the treasures report as read. Ken (KO9R) seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

I. ARES^(R):

- a. Next ARES^(R) meeting will be Aug 19th 2012 at 4:00pm.

II. Emergency Management Report:

- a. The EMA/Heathcare Services net is scheduled for Aug 15th at 10:00 am. Doug (N4RZB) is looking for a volunteer for net control for the September net. If anyone is interested contact Doug.

III. Announcements:

- a. Anonymous donation, the club still has two memberships available for anyone under the age of 21 interested in Amateur Radio. The donation will take care of their club membership for a year.
- b. There are several hamfests coming up in the next couple of months. The Joplin hamfest is August 24th and 25th. Santa Fe Trails is hosting their first hamfest on September 1st. Southside ARC's Oktoberfest is October 20th and Raytown ARC is hosting their first hamfest on November 10th. It would be nice if the club could support other hamfests in the area. Steve (KC0YEH) will post the information for those hamfests on the calendar located on the club's forum.

IV. Website committee:

- a. Larry (W9XE) had nothing new for the website at this time.

V. Christmas Party;

- a. Gail (N2ART) volunteered to chair the Christmas Party. We are still checking on a couple areas where we may hold the Christmas Party this year. We gave up the ABC Building for the Mission south to Warrensburg. However, that location may not be available. Gail offered her new facility if the club was interested. More to come next month.

VI. Repeater committee:

- a. Larry (W9XE), Ken (KO9R) and Jack (K0BI) attended the Missouri Repeater Council's annual meeting on July 28th in Columbia, Mo. Larry (W9XE) stated they discussed the amount of time it takes to get repeater frequencies coordinated and folks are a little upset about the delays. He also mentioned the council is looking at bringing back the \$10 fee for the repeaters they coordinate. Larry stated the club should get all the club's repeaters under one trustee, so we only have to pay \$10 for all of them.
- b. Larry (W9XE) then talked about the opportunities presented to the club for tower space. He mentioned the tower in front of the old county jail is unsafe. The contractor Central Dispatch uses refuses to climb the tower do to spot welds towards the top. So the committee feels this tower is not an option.
- c. Keith (WE0G) made contact with James Adkins (MSHP Radio Technician) to discuss space on the MSHP tower outside Windsor. This location would give the club great coverage of six counties, with emphasis on the south part of Johnson County. However, the club would need to coordinate with the Missouri State Highway Patrol Headquarters in Jefferson City and access to the building might be limited.
- d. Keith (N0VJ) made contact with Steve from Sedalia concerning the tower just outside of Holden. This tower is not as high as the Windsor tower, but is centrally located in Johnson County. The club would be able to put both the 220mhz and 6M repeaters on this tower with little work. Keith told the group that Steve was willing to sit down with the committee to discuss the details.
- e. Larry (W9XE) informed the club the committee was able to purchase two 4 foot by 4 foot steel buildings from a GE held auction for \$175. The buildings are about eight foot tall and are set up with a breaker box and an exhaust fan. The buildings are currently stored at Ken's (KO9R) residence and they would be used to house the repeater systems once we found a permanent home. Ken (KO9R) mentioned if we used one of the buildings at the Holden tower site we would need to contact the electrical company to check on the cost associated with installing a meter for power.



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- f. Steve (KC0YEH) spoke with the operations manager Jeff Noonan (KD0HAQ) at Central Dispatch about the tower behind Wal-Mart. Jeff stated they need to replace the guyed wires before anything can be done with the tower. He said once that is done, it is possible the club could have tower space as long as we presented the request in a manner that supported emergency communication. Central Dispatch handled radio traffic for eight different agencies, so tower space on that tower might not be the greatest, however the offer is on the table.

VII. Public Information Officer:

- a. Cary (KB0HV) stated he was working on piece highlighting the EMA/Healthcare Services net. He is also looking for photos from Field Day if anyone has any. Cary also mentioned the club's Field Day logs may be disqualified this year. There seemed to be some confusion on the class we were operating and some of the logs had the wrong information. Lesson learned for next year.

VIII. Old Business

- b. The club is still working on capturing videos of the events the club is involved with over the course of the year. If anyone has any video segments of the clubs activities for 2012 please send them to Cary (KB0HV).
- c. Steve (KC0YEH) has made contact with a paralegal in Florida concerning the club's 501c3 status. After she reviewed the club's documents she informed Steve the club was set up as a social club and was not a 501c3 organization, but a 501c7 organization. Steve printed off some information to share with the club about what 501c7 status meant. After some discussion, the club chose to get back with the paralegal to find out what we need to amend to show the club as a 501c3 organization. Cary (KB0HV) thought we should contact ARRL about this issue. He thought the paralegal did not understand what Amateur Radio was about. There was also talk about contacting the University of Central Missouri's business department about assistance with this matter. Keith (WE0G), stated the club has moved forward with the paralegal and we should stay the course. Steve (KC0YEH) will contact the paralegal and ask what we need to do to change our status from 501c7 to 501c3.

- d. We are still looking at hosting a General Class course in September or October. Keith (WE0G) currently has four volunteer instructors, if you are interested in assisting contact Keith. Keith wanted to stress that anyone interested in the class would need to be a technician for at least a year.
- e. The club is looking at viewing the ARRL webinar that covers how to take professional videos. Steve (KC0YEH) will talk with the Emergency Management Director to coordinate a time the club can use the training room, more to follow.
- f. The Halloween special event station for this year will be held at Devil's Branch, Keith's (WE0G) back yard. We're looking at operating from 8am to 8pm this year.
- g. Keith (N0VJ) is looking at starting a net on 2M single-sideband. The frequency is 144.225 Mhz and anyone with an all-mode 2M radio is welcomed to join. The net will be Thursdays around 8:00pm.

X. New Business:

- a. The Chilhowee 5K run is scheduled for September 1st. The club was contacted for course communications. Doug (N4RZB) volunteered to chair the event this year.
- b. The Veteran's Home 5K Fun Run/Poker Walk is scheduled for October 6th. Cary (KB0HV) has volunteered to chair this event for the club and will contact the Veteran's Home for details.

XI. Upcoming Events:

- EMA/Healthcare Services Net, August 15th at 10am
- Joplin Hamfest August 24th & 25th
- Santa Fe Trails Amateur Radio Club Hamfest Sept 1st
- Southside ARC Oktoberfest Oct 20th
- Raytown ARC Hamfest Nov 10th

XII. Net Signups:

Aug 12: KD0ILV
Aug 19: KO9R
Aug 26: WE0G
Sep 2: KB0HV



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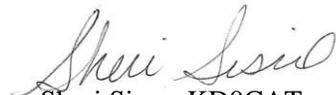


Next Board Meeting Sept 6th, 2012 at 6:00pm at EMA

Next Club Meeting Sept 8th, 2012 at 9:00am at EMA

XIII. Adjourn:

Frances (KC0TFR) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gail (N2ART) seconded, the motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM.


Sheri Sisco, KD0CAT
Secretary, WAARCI