



WARRENSBURG AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - 8/9/2014

- A. Secretaries Report: July minutes were submitted online and presented at the meeting by Joyce (WOJAF)
Motion to accept was made by Gary (WA0BTM) and seconded by Rick (KBOVZP)
Passed by Hand Vote

- B. Liela (KD0SPW) - Treasurer's report was submitted by Liela to the board, but due to computer problems we did not have access to it at the meeting. We will vote to approve this report at the next regular meeting and any member needing to see a copy of it before then can email Liela or Cary for a copy.

I. ARES®: August Monthly meeting – August 17th, 5pm (EMA Office)

We discussed the need to teach the new hams in the group how to operate on the repeater when there is an emergency communication in progress. We had a recent example of this on 146.88 and it provided an example that we can learn from. Rick and Cary talked about how this would be included in the training that we do in the future and how this used to be common before cell phones.

II. Emergency Management Report:

III. Repeater Committee:

- a. We will be getting the old Micor repeater repaired after we give it to NOSAX. Due to a family commitment this did not happen at the hamfest but we will get it up to him sometime in the near future. At some point after our 90 day test with the new Yaesu repeater, we will put the repaired repeater back online for a short time to test if it can hear as well as the new digital repeater.
- b. Cary and Joyce met with Katie (W0KTE) about the hard hats that she has for the tower sites. She confirmed that the old 2m antenna for use at the Holden site is in her barn. Cary took the hard hats and climbing belts received from Katie to the Holden site. Katie reminded us that she needs her tie down back that was holding the containers in Cary's truck.
- c. Cary (KBOHV) has spoken with Jerimiah Burke. He now knows that we need to change a few things before we can accept his contract and is waiting for us to get back with him.
- d. In regards to item c, we have discussed making a new contract with Steve Semon on the Holden Tower. ARRL was no help to draw up this document, Legal Zoom was suggested. Cary is still looking into this but is looking for a legal person to help.
- e. Two cards were signed at the hamfest and sent to Monte's family to thank them for the donations from last month.

IV. Website Committee:

- a. Larry is looking into producing club polo shirts commemorating the WW1USA event
- b. signup form has been put up on the forum for the WW1USA event
- c. club calendar has been updated on the forum and will also be included in the club minutes package produced by our secretary Joyce (WOJAF)

V. Hamfest / Field Day:

1. 2014 Field Day — reports have been created and sent to the ARRL. Documents are posted on the forum and were passed around the room.
2. 2014 Hamfest —
 1. Hamfest 2014 was a great success! Financials covered in treasurer's section.
 2. Breakfast supplies were all used except for one box of biscuits. These were kept frozen and returned to the American Legion for a refund of \$41.75
 3. Keith (WE0G) did a great job as talk-in net control and we think helped generate breakfast revenue. Thank you Keith!
 4. We will be having a Hamfest debrief at a future date, when more of our members can be here.
 5. **A Motion was made by Katie (W0KTE) and seconded by Gary (WA0BTM) to produce a certificate to thank Bear (KD0UHU) and Melissa (KD0UQB) for volunteering to help out in the kitchen during hamfest. After discussion, the motion Passed by Hand Vote. A certificate will be produced for the next meeting.**

VI. Public Information Officer:

- a. We will print off a copy of the club calendar of events for each meeting from now on as a take home item.
- b. Cary has nothing to report this month except that he is working on the Home Schooling class on ham radio that he will be doing in September-October.

VII. Old Business:

- A. 501c3 — we need to start putting together an inventory list of club equipment. The 5013c application is in progress. We received a letter from the IRS this month letting us know that the process is on track and alerting us to another form that we need to file electronically.
- B. The club's antenna analyzer has been sent back to the distributor for repair after we found the low side circuit to be dead. We will let the club know what the cost for this repair and shipping ends up being. The mis-threaded SO-239 connector has been repaired. Last word is that the analyzer is in Japan right now, being repaired.
- C. We have been asked to participate in this year's UCM Homecoming Parade on October 18th We need to have a new theme this year, and it was suggested that we use the ARRL 100th Anniversary and take advantage of promotional materials available from the league. Other ideas will still be considered, contact Ken (KO9R)
- D. We will need to create a club library list and some sort of check out system.

VIII. Contest Coordinator –

IX. Training Committee –

A Technician Classes

- i. Rick and Cary are still working on putting together the new information for a class.
- ii. Cary is working on an 8 week, 1 hour per week, overview of ham radio for the home school program. A report will be made as this project develops and after it is done as we expect many of these students to eventually become hams and join the club.
- iii. An official WAARCI/ARES/EMA sponsored training class and testing session has been scheduled for November 15 and 22nd.

X. New Business:

- a. Thank you cards have been sent to Woods Supermarket and a neighbor at Lea Cemetery who made a \$100 donation to the club.
- b. Cary (KB0HV) acted on a request from John (K0VET) to look into the possibility of the club getting a raise for the work being done out at Lea Cemetery, since what we get now barely covers the cost of gas in 2014 prices. Cary met with the County Board of Commissioners and found that we can get a raise, but we are dealing with a trust account with a limited amount of funds in it. Right now, at the price we have negotiated for a raise, we have approximately 8 years left in the fund. Because of this, we will need to advertise that people can contact the county and donate to this fund if they would like to see this support to the club continue after 2022. We also got a commitment from the county to bring their equipment in to clean out the heavy brush between the fence and the road. This will happen sometime this fall. There was some discussion that a sign should be placed at the cemetery mentioning who maintains the site, and encouraging donations to the county managed trust fund. No motion was made to procure such a sign and the discussion was dropped. Those wishing to contribute to the trust fund should contact Carol Chappelle or Heather Reynolds at the county commissioner's office.
- c. We have resolved to use Vista Print from now on to produce club hand out information cards for the parade and other events.
- d. We are preparing to participate in the 'Berg Fest September 26-28, contact Rick (KB0VZP) to volunteer. EMA will also have their CERT team out to help.
- e. We are also preparing to help out with this year's Veteran's Run on September 27. Rick (KB0VZP) will be net control again this year from 'Berg Fest. Please contact Cary (KB0HV) to volunteer for this event.
- f. Randy (KD0UPY) invited everyone to go to the Veterans Home to visit and meet Jerry (NF9L) who is currently a resident there. Jerry has been in the KC area ham radio scene forever and was instrumental in getting the VA repeater going in KCMO. We are sure that would appreciate your visit.

XI. Tabled Items

1. Club Membership process review
2. Drawing for WAARCI Club Attendance — discontinued until further notice
3. Keith (WE0G) has suggested that we coordinate a local ham radio event with the city's Kid's Day next year. The board thought this sounded like a great idea and we look forward to hearing more on this as it develops.
4. Ken and Cary need to plan a date to fix the front porch at the Awaken Church as we promised to do in order to keep a good relationship with the renter for our Christmas Party venue.

XII. Announcements:

Cary (KB0HV) will be the guest speaker at the August 22nd meeting of the Johnson County Kansas Amateur's Club, talking about Solar Cycle 25.

XIII. Club Drawings

- a. Drawing for 50/50 pot - \$27.00, \$13.50 won by Dan (KD0HWU)

XIV. Upcoming Events:

XV. Net Signups:

WAARCI Net 146.880 at 0830 pm

- a. August 10- Cary (KB0HV) / Joyce (W0JAF)
- b. August 17- Cary (KB0HV) / David (KD0ZNI)
- c. August 24- Cary (KB0HV) / Robert (KE0AVT)
- d. August 31- Rick (KB0VZP)
- e. September 7 - Ken (KO9R)

XVI. Adjourn: **Motion to Adjourn was made by Frances (KC0TFR) and seconded by Randy (KD0UPY)**

Passed by Hand Vote

Next Board Meeting – September 11, 2014, 6:30pm

Next Club Meeting – September 13, 2014, 9:00am

Meeting adjourned at : 10:40

Joyce Fagan W0JAF
Secretary, WAARCI