



WARRENSBURG AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES – August, 12th 2016

After Keith (N0VJ) verified a Quorum the WAARC meeting was called to order at 0901 by Cary (KBOHV)

Cary opened regular business by starting introductions. Present were 11 members and 0 guests

- I. **Secretaries Report** – No corrections or updates reported. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Frances (KC0TFR) and seconded by Rick (KB0VZP) approved by the membership 10 yay to 1 nay with Jack (K0BI) being the only opposing vote.
- II. **Treasurer's report** for July was submitted with a brief explanation by Rick (KB0VZP) The club donation for the A Ralph scholarship at UCM in the name of Murel and Linda were made. Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Keith (N0VJ) and seconded by Robert (KE0AVT) Jack only dissenting vote.
- III. **ARES:** There is a planned Earthquake drill to be held in Sedalia on the 23rd of August at the State Fair Grounds. The purpose of this exercise is to simulate 500,000 people leaving St. Louis after experiencing a natural disaster. Anyone wanting to participate please contact Rick (KB0VZP) or the Johnson County EMA office (660) 747-2666. Ham radio operators are requested to help. This exercise, will have oversight from several state and federal agencies. This should be a fun exercise.
 - A. Also on the 23rd of August there will be a special Health Care net for the Southern District at 1500 for the Hospitals and Emergency management offices.
 - B. Next ARES meeting will be on the 21st of August.
- IV. **Emergency Management Report:**

Rick (KB0VZP) has been reprogramming the EMA radios to allow for consistency. Gloria is looking for help moving some furniture for the EMA office on the Monday following this meeting. There was a discussion regarding the interior decorating and placement of the furniture. It was pointed out that Gloria has the business of making any decision.
- V. **Repeater Committee;** The SWR on the 220 repeater was identified as being too high. It was discovered that there was water inside the hard line. After the water was drained out the SWR came back in line and was functional again.
 - A. There was some discussion regarding the messaging on the 2 mtr repeater. There have been complaints regarding extra verbal IDs and announcements on the repeater. Larry's first comment was to turn off the repeater during the night. Of course this started a firestorm of heated discussion regarding what is too much "noise" Two lines of thinking: one thought was that there was too much noise/messaging on the repeater. The second thought was that it

needed to be more quiet during the night time hours but that messaging during the day is good and is attracting more repeater usage from people traveling through the area and increased participation during the nets. Larry (W9XE) will be working on the computer scripting to tweak the timing of the messaging.

- B. Cary has been experimenting with ECHO Link in order to make it possible for club members living outside the area to check into the nets. More testing to be done.
- C. Cary, Katie (W0KTE) will be heading up developing a questioner to pole the membership regarding messaging to get a better idea of what the club wants to see with the repeater operation. Larry will continue working on the scripting to take care of some of the obvious needs and changes.

VI. **Website Committee Report:** After reading the last meeting minutes Larry said that he was just going to close down the website forum because “No one liked it” This started the discussion that closing the Forum would be a hasty thing to do and that the previous discussion was not aimed at closing the forum, but to develop more options and venues to promote WAARCI to the general public. It was also pointed out that Gloria said if the club posted items on Face Book she can share club accomplishments and activities on the JoCo EMA Face Book page to put the WAARCI in the public eye and get the recognition the WAARCI deserves. At this point the Forum will continue to be active and there will be more club interaction with Face Book.

VII. **Club Event** Tabled for today

VIII. **Fund Raising:**

- A. Gloria brought up possible fund raising by soliciting organizations such as the Moose lodge, Elk Lodge, Masons Lodge etc. etc. to ask for donations. Gloria noted that other organizations have been successful raising funds from these folks in the past.

IX. **Training Committee Report:** No Training Classes Scheduled at this time

2016 Committees

WAARCI Young Hams and mentors – Rick, Keith vj, Randy
Repeater – Ken, Jack, ,Larry, Rick, Cary, Keith, Randy, Robert
Website/Facebook – Randy, Larry, Cary
Audit / 501c3 compliance-Rick, Randy
Grants, Charities and Fund Raising – Randy, Cary, Jim, Gloria,
Hamfest – Ken, Cary, Joyce, Rick, Randy, Keith
Field Day – Rick, Randy
Fox Hunt –Rick, Randy
Training – Cary, Rick, Keith, Randy
Event Planning – Joyce, Katie, Randy
Library – Rick, Randy
New Member welcoming committee – Samuel, Rick, Randy
Bylaws and Constitutional review committee – Rick, Cary, Larry, Randy
Tower site planning – Rick, Ken, Larry, Keith, Randy

Board Members: Cary Altman KB0HV

Randy Butt KD0UPY

Rick Ebbesen KB0VZP

Keith Raihala N0VJ

X. **Business:**

- A. The manager of the water district (Ron) approached Larry and expressed an interest in acquiring a portion from the WAARCI Holden site that is equal to 5/6th of an acre. Cary followed up the following day with Ron to get a better Idea of what Ron was thinking. AT this point the club members took a deep dive in the weeds talking about septic system requirements, different ground testing types, placement requirements in relation to buildings and boundaries. After a 20 min discussion Cary steered the conversation back to the subject at hand. Cary reported that he had talked to a realtor, (Mike Waters) and signed a document to allow Mike to represent WAARCI with our land transaction

- pending WAARCI Board approval. After discussing club options, the board rejected the contract.
- B.** Randy made a motion to negotiate the sale of the WAARCI property at the Holden tower site West of the driveway. The motion was seconded by Bill. Vote 10 yes in favor with Jack voting no. Motion carried.
 - C.** Randy and Cary are going to Blue Bird reality to talk to them about options regarding the WAARCI land sale and bring information back to the Board and Club for consideration.
 - D.** Cary announced that the new welfare net, “USB” (Upright Still Breathing) on the 88 repeater on Mon, Wed and Fri at 0800 is going very well. The net starts at 0800. The format is working well. All are invited to participate.
 - E.** The Board meetings will be the Wednesday 2 weeks prior to the Club meeting, at 1800 at the Pizza Hut.
 - F.** Trying to schedule a fox Hunt and BBQ.
 - G.** Veterans Run on Sept. 17th
 - H.** BurgFest 24th of Sept. weekend following the Veterans run.

XI. Club Drawings and Donations:

- A. 50/50 pot was won by Jack (K0BI). Total collected was \$24.00, Jack winnings of \$12.00 was donated to the tower fund.
- B. Operating Expenses Donation Bucket, passed around at the meeting, received \$17.00 that was added to the general operating fund.
- C. Frances and Gary had donated a weather radio and two blue CFL bulbs as a door prize. Randy won the CFL bulbs and Rick won the Weather radio.

XII. Net Sign-ups:

- A. WAARCI Net Sunday Nights on 146.880 at 8:30 p.m.
 - 1. 14th Aug Rick
 - 2. 21st Aug New Bill
 - 3. 28th Aug Ken
 - 4. 4th Sept Cary

XIII. Adjourn:

- A. A motion was made to adjourn by Frances (KCØTFR), seconded by Randy (KD0UPY) and all approved to adjourn at 11:18 pm.

Next Club Meeting – Saturday, September 10th at 09:00 at the EMA. Board meeting Thursday, August 31st at 1800 at the local Pizza Hut.

Respectfully submitted by Keith Raihala, NOVJ, Secretary NWO.