

**Warrensburg Amateur Radio Club Inc.**  
Club Meeting Minutes Feb 11, 2012



Warrensburg Area Amateur Radio Club Minutes for 11 February, 2012

The meeting started at 9:00 a.m. by introducing O.J. Rhone, from the YES (Youth Excited about Sports) Program. YES has a large facility where the club is considering holding the 2012 hamfest.

The club gave an overview of Amateur Radio showing overhead pictures of WAARCI's 2011 Hamfest, Field Day and other activities along with ARRL's DIY video of the Dayton Hamvention.

The Y.E.S. Program is a Christian Sports Ministry promoting: sports, dance, photography studio, video/media studio, flashlight tag, or anything the kids (K-7th grades) want to do and opportunities for high school/college youth to be involved with the various youth programs. They also offer videography services.

Mr. Rhone said the Y.E.S facility and staff/youth can offer the following services and equipment to accommodate the hamfest:

- A large facility with space for more than 150 8-foot tables
- Easy access from Business Highway 13
- Three double-wide doors on the north side of the building for loading/unloading equipment
- Building-wide Public Address System (microphone/speakers)
- Video Monitors throughout the facility
- 20-30 tables (Mr. Rhone offered to check his sources for additional tables)
- Golf cart transportation from/to the parking lot for handicapped hams.
- YES Staff/Youth will serve breakfast using the opportunity to provide the kids with as a program for experience and training.

Doug (N4RZB) asked for volunteers for Field Day.

Doug (N4RZB) presented a Wouxun 2M/70cm handheld radio to Anna KD0MYG

Ken (KD0KOL), vice-president presided and started introductions at 10:05

Katie (KD0ILV) made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Katie (W0KTE) seconded. Motion was carried.

Keith (WE0G) read the treasurers report. Katie (KD0ILV) made a motion to accept the treasurers report as read. Jack (K0BI) seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

I. ARES<sup>(R)</sup>:

- a. The next ARES meeting 19 Feb 2012 at 4:00pm. Rick (KB0VZP) will be back from West Virginia for the meeting.

## II. Emergency Management Report:

- a. Ken (KD0KOL) went to the All Schools / Safe Schools meeting last Wednesday. Police, EMA and all the schools are looking at purchasing surplus radios so all schools can communicate. The schools will be getting rid of all their old radios.

## III. Announcements:

- a. Anonymous Donation – Dixie McIndoo (KD0JMA) was the recipient of club dues for 2012 through this program. Funds are available for two more memberships for young hams who want to join WAARCI.
- b. Gail (N2ART) is looking for articles and information for the March newsletter. The January issue was full of great information and is available at [www.waarci.org](http://www.waarci.org).

## IV. Repeater committee:

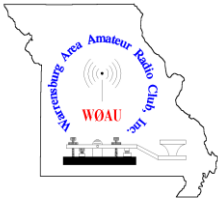
- a. The building at the repeater site has a couple of issues. The floor is rotted out on the east side and needs replaced. Keith (WE0G) went out yesterday and dug some dirt out away from the building for ventilation. Replacing the floor will require removing a partition. It will be replaced with an equipment rack.
- b. We're looking at opening a line of communications with Charter. Among the topics of discussion will be installing 220 and 6-meter antennas on the tower at the repeater site.
- c. The 6-meter repeater is coming along, thanks to Jack (N0SAX) in Carrollton, MO and could be up soon. The crystals were sent to International Crystal, MFG in Oklahoma City a couple of weeks ago. They should be ready this week and will be mailed directly to Jack. The frequencies for all of WAARCI's repeaters are posted on-line in the forum.
- d. Ed (KD0AKG) is working on getting an Echolink Node set up on the 440 repeater. Ed created a PowerPoint presentation to familiarize everyone with Echolink. It will be posted on the website this week.

## V. Website committee:

- a. When you log into the forum, you must use all capital letters for your callsign. The forum is getting less spam hit the previously encountered. The For Sale thread in the forum is getting more activity. We will have a website/forum presentation after the March club meeting.

## VI. Hamfest:

- a. The club discussed locations for this year's Hamfest. The choices on the table were Crestridge School at the junction of 58 Hwy and 50 Hwy or the Y.E.S. Building just south of Warrensburg on 13 Hwy.



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- b. Crestridge would be free, except for janitorial fees. We would need to rent tables at \$7.10 per table, with a \$190 pickup and delivery charge.
- c. Monty (NO0CW) checked with Whiteman AFB rental, they have 180 chairs, and 38 tables. We could get the tables from Friday – Monday for \$500 (price includes pickup and delivery).
- d. Y.E.S. Building - A \$750 donation was offered. Great opportunity to involve kids. We would need to check to see if the building is available on Friday for set up.
- e. Keith (WE0G) asked if the members present would consider asking the Board to appoint a Y.E.S Coordinator to act as a liaison between Y.E.S and WAARCI. and a committee to consider goals and programs that will help develop a positive on-going relationship with Y.E.S.
- f. Keith (WE0G) made a motion to hold this year's Hamfest at the Y.E.S. Building, Cary (KB0HV) seconded the motion. Motion passed, no one opposed.

**VII. Inventory Committee:**

- a. Nothing new to report. On hold until resolution of 501c3 initiative.

**VIII. Old Business**

- a. Members of the club have started the form for 501c3 status. It is a 30 page document and is more extensive than originally thought. The Raytown ARC provided us with a lawyer contact. We will contact the lawyer and see if he is willing to assist with the paperwork and the fees involved.
- b. The club's planning meeting was held on 19 Jan. There were a lot of good discussions and the members prioritized everything into three categories in order of importance. The first priority the members established is to work on the 501c3 paperwork. A full list of items discussed and prioritize is posted on the club's forum.

**IX. New Business:**

- a. Public Information Officer (PIO), should this be an appointed or elected position? After discussion, the club may appoint someone for a couple of years and see how it goes, and then maybe turn it into an elected position at a later date. The membership also discussed if there should be incentives for the position (i.e. dues paid by club, T-shirt, jacket, or radios). Katie (W0KTE) made a motion to appoint a PIO, Gail (N2ART) seconded the motion. The motion passed. Cary (KB0HV) volunteered for the position.

- b. General Class Course. Keith (WE0G) has a General Class Presentation. The class will take at least four sessions (12 – 16 hrs). Instructors will need to study and get involved. A net could be held during the week as a review and to discuss questions related to the General Class license. Keith will work up a proposed class schedule.
- c. Ken (KD0KOL) and Trevor (KD0MHL) attended Storm Spotter Training in Warsaw last week. The NWS has made several changes to the program. It is more interactive and more interesting. There is an eight question test at the end of the training. The National Weather Service is using these classes to update their database. The next classes are 1 Mar in Higginsville and 14 Mar in Clinton.

X. Upcoming Events:

The next Technician Class is coming up on 18th and 25th of February. Contact the Johnson County Emergency Management Office at 660-747-2666 to get signed up.

A Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class will be held in Warrensburg on 28 Feb, 3, 6, and 10 Mar. at the EMA office. Contact the Johnson County Emergency Management Office at 660-747-2666 to get signed up.

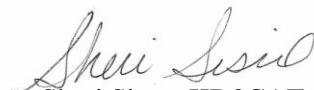
XI. Net Signups:

Feb 12: WE0G  
Feb 19: KC0YEH  
Feb 26: KD0MHL  
Mar 04: KD0ILV

Next Board Meeting 8 Mar, 2012 at 6:00pm at EMA  
Next Club Meeting 10 Mar, 2012 at 9:00am at EMA

XI. Adjourn:

Trevor (KD0MHL) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jack (K0BI) seconded, the motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:36 AM.

  
Sheri Sisco, KD0CAT  
Secretary, WAARCI