



WARRENSBURG AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.



January Minutes:

Warrensburg Area Amateur Radio Club met at the EMA building on January 11th at 9:00am

Cary Altman (KBØHV) President, brought the meeting to order at 9:05am
Introductions began with 17 members and 3 guests.

Cary spoke for a few minutes about his vision of what the club would be doing in 2014, talking about shorter regular meetings with a program at the end of each, and conducting more of the club business in the Thursday night board meetings. He also talked about the importance of training classes and that his main focus would be on growing the active membership of the club.

Secretaries Report was passed around the room and submitted online. Motion to accept was made by Gary, WAØBTM, seconded by Doug, N4RZB.

Treasurers report was given by Keith, WEØG. Larry, W9XE asked if new membership money was in the account and we learned that the deposit needed to be made. Liela KDØSPW informed us that she would be making the deposit after the meeting. A motion was made by Gary, WAØBTM to accept the report and was seconded by Joyce, WØJAF.

Assigning of new committees and facilitators for 2014. Cary, KBØHV spoke about the need for some new committees and working groups for 2014 and the need for new volunteers. Following is a listing of the proposed groups, and the people who stepped up to volunteer.

- a. Program Committee (unfilled)
- b. Net Manager Position (training and coordinating Sunday night nets and possible other nets each month. Rick, KBØVZP volunteered to head up this committee.
- c. Contest Committee (unfilled)
- d. Scouting Outreach Coordinator (unfilled)
- e. Activities coordinator (unfilled)
- f. Historian – Bill Williams, KDØOPX volunteered
- g. Field Day (unfilled)
- h. Training Team, volunteers named included Rick, Doug, Cary and still looking for more volunteers
- i. VE Team Still looking for more volunteers, presently we have Larry, Gary, Cary, Sheri, Steve, Katie and Michael Camden.

I. Repeater Committee:

a. Larry (W9XE) Larry reported that our 6m repeater is presently down, but 220 was working from his home. He also reported that he has changed the date on the 88 repeater auto date/time announcement.

II. Website Committee:

- a. Larry, W9XE reported that there is a 2014 Flow Chart on the Forum and a copy was passed out at the meeting. Larry also said he would be doing an annual report on 2013 activities. He has been working more with Joomla and getting the new forum up and running and that it will cost approximately \$79 to do the data migration when we are ready to roll it out. We will also be

working to set up a paypal account that can be linked to the website to allow web membership payments and also help with hamfest table purchases.

III. ARES@:Rick Ebbesen (KBØVZP)

a. Rick announced that the next ARES meeting will be Jan 19th at 5pm at the EMA office

b. Henry County ARES - <http://www.henrycountymo-ares.org> Meetings are held the 1st Saturday of each month, topics are usually posted to the website. This December's training topic is the net logger software that we are using to log our weekly nets. Currently weekly nets are held on the 443.300 Machine in Clinton. Currently the repeater has limited range but does cover Henry County. Plans are in the works to relocate the repeater to an area with improved coverage. Net meets each Monday evening at 8:30 PM on 147.405 simplex and will move eventually to 443.300 + with a PL of 107.2

c. Storm Spotter Training – Henry County ARES Saturday February 1st 2014, February 18

IV. Emergency Management Report:

a. The upcoming EMA/Healthcare Services Nets are scheduled for Jan 15 and Feb 19. It was reported that last month's net had a much better turnout that we have been having and appreciation was expressed to the club. There was discussion about technical problems during the net and how to fix them, and a reminder that checkins are also taken on 3.963mhz.

V. Hamfest / Field Day:

a. 2014 Field Day —Still need 2 volunteers to head up FD operations. It was reported that we are 167 days from field day, and that there were plans this year to go for a good score with an active lower class level than usual, such as 3A. It was also discussed that we need to reach out to find a good CW operator or two to help us get a better score.

b. 2014 Hamfest — Ken Smith (KO9R) and Marie (KDØRJN) committee chairpersons. There was some discussion about increasing our ticket/table prices, but nothing was resolved on these issues. It was reported that Marie has met with the officials at the fairgrounds and it was noted that some cleaning out was needed in a couple of rooms to make room for multiple forums. We discussed whether to expand our tailgate participation at the hamfest, and we reaffirmed our \$10 fee for this activity, as well as our policy of including 1 ticket per table rental.

VI. Public Information Officer:

a. Cary (KBØHV) mentioned that our February training session has been announced in **The Daily Star-Journal**

b. Cary announced that he is looking for someone willing to take over PIO position.

c. Katie, WØKTE noticed that there was no announcement of our meeting this month in the local paper and reminded Cary about the importance of getting the regular club meetings announced in the paper, and Cary promised to work on making that happen in future months.

VII. Old Business:

a. 501c3 — Keith, WEØG announced that our check has been cashed, so the application is being processed.

b. Technician Classes are now planned and on the calendar and the listed dates 8:30am-5

1. CAP class sponsored by Dennis Pearson KCØTJY

a. Jan 18 at the CAP HQ in Sedalia

b. Jan 25 EMA office

2. EMA/ARES/WAARCI sponsored

a. Feb 22 EMA office

b. Mar 1 EMA office

c. Club patches now available, \$5 per. Iron on, can also be sewed or pinned on as suggested by Gary at December meeting.

d. Gary, WAØBTM had pictures to share of the recent ARRL convention in our area.

VIII. New Business:

- a. It was announced that the Board approved continuing with 50/50 and door prize drawings, no rule changes. Will be looking into getting different colored tickets to avoid confusion. There was no disagreement to this board action by the assembled membership.
- b. It was announced that on February 22, two CW operators are needed for Boy Scout Demonstration comparing various communications techniques, such as texting, semaphore and CW. Contact KBØHV or KDØUKF - Jon Cerda, for more information.
- c. We are planning a spring BBQ to start tower work as soon as weather breaks. After discussion it was resolved that we need to move forward first with getting power to the tower and moving forward to get **Jeremiah Burke**, the Internet Service provider on the tower. We can also work on getting our 6m repeater up there as well as a backup repeater. Plans are also being made to get a video camera up there, accessible either by internet or via a radio link.
- d. It was announced that we will be needing more VE's and trainers and that there would be more breakfast meetings to help people fill out the paperwork to get their VE certification
- e. We had some discussion led by the Tower committee as to whether we need to meet with the tower owner to work out a payment plan and introduce new board members, to show continuity with WAARCI. Upon reviewing the lease agreement, it was resolved that it is not in our best interest to make another payment, but that we needed to reserve some of our funds in a separate account that will be used to pay for the tower and building site.
- f. We resolved that we should continue mowing Lee Cemetery, and after some discussion, a reminder was made that other volunteers would be welcome when RayJ, KØHDC, Bill, KDØQJY and John Howard, KØVET go out there to mow.
- g. We had some discussion about the 2014 Field Day site, and whether it was best to stay at Wood's Supermarket or go back to Knob Noster Park. General agreement was that Wood's was our best choice for this year.
- h. Discussion was introduced regarding proper ID procedures. Many opinions were given, and it was resolved after hearing from all sides that identifying via call letters or using phonetics was at the discretion of the Net Control station on any particular net, but in general it was most proper to first identify with call letters, and if there was any confusion, follow up with phonetics.

IX. Announcements:

- a. Cary announced that the goal was to have shorter regular meetings and change the focus of the meeting to a program or presentation each month. The plan is for much more of the club business to be done in the board meetings on Thursdays preceding the 2nd Saturday regular meeting. If the planning and decision making of the club interests you, please try to attend this meeting each month
- b. Cary said that the program will be the highlight of each Saturday meeting and we will try to announce them in advance and an effort would be made to keep in contact with members using email or US mail in order to keep everyone apprised of upcoming events/programs/polls of the membership

X. Club Drawings

- a. Drawing for WAARCI Club Attendance — Katie, WØKTE won a WAARCI coffee cup.
- b. Drawing for 50/50 pot — Keith, NØVJ won the pot

XI. Upcoming Events were announced:

- a. Jan 25th – St. Louis Suburban Club Winterfest, Collinsville, Ill
- b. Feb 4 – Mine Creek Winterfest, Lacygne, KS
- c. Shriners Hambash, April 19
- d. May 16-18 – Dayton Hamfest
 1. A suggestion was made to form a Carpool committee, no one responded.

XII. Net Signups:

WAARCI Net 146.880 at 0830 pm

- a. Jan 12 – Rick, KBØVZP
- b. Jan 19 – Carl, KDØSPX
- c. Jan 26 – Cary, KBØHV
- d. Feb 2 – Keith, WEØG

XIII. Adjourn:

Next Board Meeting – Feb 6

Next Club Meeting – Feb 8

Meeting adjourned at 10:42, motion made by Francis, KCØTFR, seconded by Gary, WAØBTM.

Joyce Fagan WØJAF
Secretary, WAARCI