



**Warrensburg Amateur Radio Club Inc.**  
Club Meeting Minutes July 21, 2012



Warrensburg Area Amateur Radio Club Minutes for July 21, 2012

The meeting started at 9:02 am.

Steve (KC0YEH) presided and started with introductions.

Gary (WA0BTM) made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ken (KO0R) seconded. Motion was carried.

Keith (WE0G) read the treasurers report. Doug (N4RZB) made a motion to accept the treasurers report as read. Gary (WA0BTM) seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

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

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

II. Emergency Management Report:

- a. The EMA/Healthcare Services net is scheduled for Aug 15th at 10:00 am.

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. Rick (KD0CNC) from Benton County ARES<sup>(R)</sup> announced they were planning an exercise in October and invited members of WAARCI to participate. Keith (N0VJ) stated that if a disaster was to hit Johnson County, we would be busy taking care of our families and would rely on our "brother and sisters in amateur radio" to assist with emergency communications. The exercise in Benton County would be an excellent opportunity to interact with the amateur radio operators outside of our area. Rick (KD0CNC) said he would let us know as soon as he knew more.
- c. There are several hamfests coming up in the next couple of months. 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. Repeater committee:

- a. Larry (W9XE) mentioned we may have access to tower space on the tower in front of the old county jail just west of the square in Warrensburg. He stated it would be a good place for the 220 and 6M machines and we could use the new controller for both repeaters. Steve (KC0YEH) will contact the Operations Manager at Central Dispatch to discuss the possibilities of tower space.
- b. We still need to purchase the A/C for the repeater site. We would need to purchase a one ton (12K BTU) A/C unit to maintain the climate inside the repeater shack.
- c. The Missouri Repeater Council will hold their annual meeting July 28th in Columbia at 11:00 am. Larry (W9XE) is planning on attending and has room for two other people if anyone is interested in going. Steve (KC0YEH) mentioned if anyone is interested in how repeater frequencies are coordinated throughout out the state, this would be a good opportunity to learn. Ken (KO9R) made a motion for the club to pay for Larry's (W9XE) fuel cost, Gary (WA0BTM) seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.
- d. Gary (WA0BTM) wanted to let the club know, someone had climbed the tower at I-435 and Front Street in Kansas City then cut and removed the hardline. He wanted to let everyone know that had happened so we could be aware.
- e. Keith (WE0G) mentioned that Jack (N0SAX) has 1 5/8" hardline we could use if we needed it

#### V. Website committee:

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

#### VI. Field Day:

- a. Doug (N4RZB) thanked everyone for helping with Field Day. We had a great turn out. Dinner was great and thanks to Cary's (KB0HV) hard work Senator Pierce came to visit the club during field day. Cary said the report will go out this week.



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VII. HamFest:

- a. Sheri (KC0CAT) thanked everyone for all the help last weekend for the hamfest. We had a lot of folks show up Friday night to set-up tables and help vendors unload their equipment. We also want to thank the interns with the Y.E.S. Association for all their help and support.

VIII. Old Business

- a. 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).
- b. Steve (KC0YEH) has not received any information from Norman Lampton (KC0FNA) concerning the club's 501c3 status. Steve is going to try to contact Dale Bagley, the ARRL Missouri Section Manager to see if he knows of anyone who could help. Keith (WE0G) proposed we try to contact another agency or person that could assist the club since our progress has stalled. Keith (WE0G) made a motion to look for someone online and get a bid for them to proceed with the application process. Jack (K0BI) seconded the motion and the motion carried. Cary (KB0HV) mentioned we may be able to find someone locally and the club agreed to look locally as well as online. Larry (W9XE) wanted to amend the motion to include a dollar amount we could move forward with, so we wouldn't have to wait until the next club meeting. Keith (N0VJ) was concerned about the costs associated with obtaining a lawyer and the retainer could be as much as \$1500.00. Keith (N0VJ) suggested \$600.00, Keith (WE0G) made a motion to add a \$600.00 limit to the previous motion. Jack (K0BI) seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
- c. We are still looking at hosting a General Class course in September. If you are interested in helping contact Keith (WE0G). Keith wanted to stress that anyone interested in the class would need to be a technician for at least a year.
- d. 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.
- e. The club is still entertaining the purchase of land, if anyone knows of any land the club might be interested in let the board know.

#### IX. Public Information Officer:

- f. Cary (KB0HV) stated he was still working on developing contacts and was working with KOKO radio station for another interview.

#### X. New Business:

- a. 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 7:00pm.
- b. Steve (KC0YEH) stated Halloween was only three months away and the 31st fell on a Wednesday this year. The board members discussed the possibility of holding a special event station closer this year instead of travelling to Frankenstein Mo. Sheri (KD0CAT) mentioned we could set up a station near Devil's Branch or Lea's Cemetery. Keith (WE0G) mentioned Devil's Branch was close to his place and we could set up there. There was interest in the special event station. So the club will move forward with advertising the event in QST and obtaining a special event call sign.
- c. Doug (N4RZB) is looking for a net control for the August EMA/Healthcare Services net. Keith (WE0G) asked how long the net takes, Doug said about an hour. Keith (WE0G) volunteered to run the net.
- d. Keith (N0VJ) brought in his fox box to share with the club. It is a Yaesu VX-7R handheld and can be programmed to transmit a voice message over the air. Keith (N0VJ) was interested in setting up a foxhunt in the near future.
- e. Gary (WA0BTM) and Francis (KC0TFR) went to Branson Mo recently and was given a copy of QSL card from the Titanic special event station. Gary passed the QSL around for everyone to look at.

#### XI. Upcoming Events:

- Santa Fe Trails Amateur Radio Club Hamfest Sept 1st
- Southside ARC Oktoberfest Oct 20th
- Raytown ARC Hamfest Nov 10th

#### XII. Net Signups:

July 22: WE0G  
July 29: KC0YEH  
Aug 05: KD0ILY



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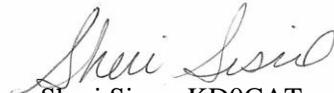
Next Board Meeting Aug 9th, 2012 at 6:00pm at EMA

Next Club Meeting Aug 11th, 2012 at 9:00am at EMA

XIII. Adjourn:

Frances (KC0TFR) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary (WA0BTM) seconded, the motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:58 AM.

An announcement was made after the meeting to reminding club members about the hamfest hotwash. We'll take a short break then begin the meeting to discuss comments we received during the hamfest last week. We will also look at what we can do to improve the event for next year.

  
Sheri Sisco, KD0CAT  
Secretary, WAARCI