



WARRENSBURG AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES – July, 12th 2016

WEEDS: Pre meeting, there was yet another discussion, Frances and Gary were able to schedule Gary's Dialysis so he would now be free and able to attend club meetings.

After Keith (NOVJ) 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 Gary (WA0BTM) and seconded by Frances (KC0TFR) approved by the membership 10 yay to 1 nay with Randy (KDOUPY) being the only opposing vote.
- II. **Treasurer's report** for June was submitted with a brief explanation by Rick (KB0VZP). Discussion regarding the funds being sent to the A Ralph scholarship fund to UCM as a club standard for silent keys. Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Gary and seconded by Jim, (K0IYL) approved by acclamation.
- III. **ARES:** The next ARES meeting will be 17 July at 1700 at the EMA office. There were a total of three weather nets during the month of June. No deaths or injuries reported.
- IV. **WEEDS;**
There was a break in the Agenda where the word HamFest was mentioned and Gary broke into a conversation regarding donating yellow poster board to make signs for the raffle at the Hamfest.
- V. **Emergency Management Report:**
Rick (KB)VZP has been reprogramming the EMA radios to allow for consistency. Gloria (KC0TPB) wanted to thank Rick for his efforts. Thank you Cary for managing the weather nets. Also Rich is leaving the JoCo EMA to become the director of the Lafayette County EMA. There will be an exercise 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 the Johnson County EMA office (660) 747-2666. Ham radio operators are requested to help. This is not a table top exercise, with oversight from several state and federal agencies.

- A. Cary discussed the Club involvement with the problem the 911 center was having with interference during emergency situations with the emergency response vehicles. Cary also talked with the FCC and found the solution to the problem.

VI. Repeater Committee;

- A. The squelch on the 2 mtr repeater was making it hard for some to get into the repeater, Cary adjusted the squelch with positive feedback from fringe stations. May need to turn up a little will be looking for more feed back
- B. Some adjustments have been made to make the repeater run smoother and more user friendly. Input is needed to tweak adjustments, users are asked to make notes and bring it up to repeater board members for review.
- C. Cary wanted to recognize Larry (W9XE) for his work on with the DR-1 repeaters. He has done something no one has done by making the DR-1 work with the S-com controllers. Larry has had to write over 80 pages of script to make everything to work and develop a wiring harness to connect it all together. He has documented everything he has done and will definitely be used throughout the Ham radio community nation/worldwide.
- D. Randy will have a Key to the Holden site
- E. 220 is down, it looks like there may be water in the Hardline that needs to be drained out. Problem referred to Rick and Ken.

VIII. Website Committee Report:

No new Updates, Frances reported that her name was STILL spelled incorrectly on the web club roster, Frances was referred to Larry.

- A. There was further discussion regarding the club web site.
- B. The club forum is focused on the Amateur radio community and overlooked by the public. Yes there are several club members that do not use Face Book but there are just as many that do not use the club website.
- C. Updates on the web using Face Book are faster than using the forum. There were several comments of how much individuals do not like or use the Forum.
- D. 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.
- E. Cary noted that the Website seems to be a big political hot potato. Gloria also emphasized that we should not limit the venue of how we get information to the public. Gloria's comment was followed by a resounding affirmation.

VIII. Club Events:

- A. Field Day event Was a great success, there was some broken equipment during set up. There was a lack of drama. The network worked great. There were two new guys that sat for hours with Cary making contacts and had a lot of interest in what was going on. The pot luck went well. Several club members that we have not seen for a while stopped by and conversation, operations went well into the night. We scored (unofficially) 2000 points. Watch for results in the Sept. QST. Donation/thank you letters need to go out to Woods, D&M plumbing, Jo. County and for the United Rental.
- B. **HAMFEST:** Cary noted that so far the Breakfast has cost \$280.54 for Biscuits, gravy, bacon, Sausage and orange juice. Eggs are still needed. Ken has that all under control. Different jobs were listed and members said they would be there to set up on Friday evening at 1700, Keith (WE0G) will be doing talk-in Keith (NOVJ) will be on the Mic on the floor during the HamFest. Gloria, Katie (W0KTE) and Denise will be on top of ticket and rifle

raffle sales at the door. Cary is on top of soda sales for the floor using stand up coolers provided by Rick. There will be a VE session at 10:00. Better cash control, New Bill volunteered to get ice on Friday and keep in in the kitchen freezers. Cary and Joyce will pick up soda and water, Paper supplies will be determined Friday evening, Frances is going to bring in a set of Pot Holders for a door prize, Ken is going to make a form to encourage vendors to donate door prizes. Ken is working on a vendor set up map for the floor. Overall things are falling in place and we are anticipating a Big Show. Frances and Gary will bring some yellow panels to make local control signs for parking.

IX. Fund Raising:

- A. Ticket sales for the rifle raffle have done very well. Tickets are still out and there will be a push for raffle ticket sales at the local Hamfest.
- B. There was a discussion about future fund raisers. Members were encouraged to look around their communities to see what others are doing for fund raising that we may be able to do in the future. Gary said no one was doing anything in KC.
- C. 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.

X. Training Committee Report: No Training Classes Scheduled at this time

XI. 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

XII. Business:

- A. The Executive board decided to change board meeting time to the week prior to the club meeting rather than the Thursday prior to the meeting
- B. HamFest; discussion into the weeds with random discussions regarding prices for eggs, sausages and other breakfast supplies. Gloria volunteered to head up acquiring breakfast supplies for next year and will see what she can get donated for this year. For now Ken KO9R is on it.
- C. Cary announced that the new welfare net on the 88 repeater on Mon, Wed and Fri. is going very well. The net starts at 0800. The format is working well. All are invited to participate.
- D. Gloria announced that there is class offering for first responders on how to deal with a new fad of suicide by gas. People are mixing chemicals inside closed vehicles in order to kill themselves. This causes a high risk for first responders and emergency room staff. The date and time of the class is to be announced in the future. Most likely October ish

- E. WWI special event station:** The question was brought up to see if the club wants to participate/sponsor the WWI special events station. Need at least 5 concrete volunteers contact Cary if you are dedicated to participate.
- F. FCC has new requirements that with new license and license renewals the operator is responsible to print out their own license.** Frances strongly noted that she got her license mailed to her. It was restated that it was a “New Change”

XIII. Club Drawings and Donations:

- A. 50/50 pot was won by Frances (KC0TFR). Total collected was \$25.00, \$12.50 went to Frances.
- B. Operating Expenses Donation Bucket, passed around at the meeting, received \$18.00 that was added to the general operating fund.

XIV. Net Sign-ups:

- A. WAARCI Net Sunday Nights on 146.88Ø at 8:3Ø p.m.
 - 1. 12 July Rick
 - 2. 17 July Cary
 - 3. 24 July Ken
 - 4. 31 July Randy
 - 5. 7 Aug New Bill (KE0JEO)

XV. Adjourn:

- A. A motion was made to adjourn by Frances (KCØTFR), seconded by Randy (KD0UPY) and all approved to adjourn at 10:59 pm.

Next Club Meeting – Saturday, August 13th at 09:00 at the EMA. Board meeting Wed. August 3rd location Pizza Hut.

Respectfully submitted by Keith Raihala, NOVJ, Secretary NWO.