



**Warrensburg Amateur Radio Club Inc.**  
Club Meeting Minutes June 9, 2012



Warrensburg Area Amateur Radio Club Minutes for June 9, 2012

The meeting started at 9:01 am.

Steve (KC0YEH) presided and started introductions at 9:01

Cary (KB0HV) made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Keith (WE0G) seconded. Motion was carried.

Keith (WE0G) read the treasurers report. Gary (WA0BTM) made a motion to accept the treasurers report as read. Jack (K0BI) seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

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

- a. Next ARES<sup>(R)</sup> meeting will be June 17th 2012 at 4:00pm.

II. Emergency Management Report:

- a. The EMA/Heathcare Services net is scheduled for June 20th at 10:00 am. Doug (N4RZB) is hoping Ken (KO9R) can run the net control. John (K0VET) will be on 3.963 Mhz taking HF check-ins.
- b. Emergency Management hosted a Lost Child exercise on May 30th in the Leeton area. Several hams assisted with the exercise with a lot of valuable information gained from the event.

III. Announcements:

- a. Steve (KC0YEH) thanked John (K0VET) & Bill (KD0QJY) for mowing Lea's Cemetery before Memorial Day weekend. Keith (WE0G) and Shuji (KA0VUN) helped clean up and finished weed eating.
- b. Densil Allen caught up with John (K0VET) and expressed his gratitude to the club for taking care of Lea's Cemetery. He presented John with a donation of \$100 for our services.
- c. Sheri (KD0CAT) passed a card around the room for Murrel (WA0PZW) for everyone to sign.
- d. 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.

- e. The July club meeting is moved to the third Saturday of that month due to the Hamfest. The club meeting will be July 21st at 09:00

#### IV. Repeater committee:

- a. Larry (W9XE) stated he did not have much new from the repeater committee, but turned the floor over to Jack (K0BI). Jack received information from Gloria (KC0TPB) about the tower outside of Holden. Jack made contact with someone, but they were on vacation and would get back to Jack after he returned. Jack did mention the building on the site was well constructed and the tower was a 100 foot free-standing tower. Jack also mentioned he had come across a 240 foot tower at 1000 foot above sea-level that possibly belonged to the Southern Pacific Railroad and he was going to get with Larry (W9XE) and his railroad contacts.

#### V. Website committee:

- a. Larry (W9XE) added a countdown clock to the website, counting down to Hamfest.

#### VI. HamFest:

- a. Sheri (KC0CAT) met with OJ and his two interns last Friday to discuss the hamfest. Sheri discussed breakfast with OJ and they are planning to provide breakfast for 250 people. They are going to do things a little different this year. OJ stated they want to seat people and take orders, but will provide the same types of food. They plan to start serving breakfast at 7:00am. OJ also stated that parking should not be an issue. He feels he can get over 400 vehicles in the parking lot around the facility and we should not need to use the church's parking lot to the north. Sheri (KD0CAT) is going to talk with Gloria about using local CERT members for additional help. Sheri also said tables are selling fast and expect more request for tables as we get closer to the event. Keith (WE0G) mentioned he scans a lot of repeaters in the area and he said there is a lot of people talking about our hamfest on other repeaters.

#### VII. Field Day:

- a. Doug (N4RZB) has a list of bands available for field day. Keith (WE0G) has signed up for 20 meters and Steve (KC0YEH) has signed up for 15 meters. Doug also mentioned the dinner will start at 6:00 pm on Saturday.



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**VIII. Public Information Officer:**

- a. Cary (KB0HV) sat through a ARRL webinar on how to create professional quality video. He said it was a really good webinar and he learned a lot. He also mentioned that most phones are capable of capturing video, so if you are out and about and see something amateur radio related, take some video and send it to him. It might just be what he needs. Cary is working on his contacts and has a scheduled lunch with Woody from the KOKO next week. Cary also had Field Day flyers he is passing out to businesses in town. He also asked if anyone took a flyer to pass it along to someone else.

**IX. Old Business**

- a. Ken (KO9R) took Rick's trailer out to Wings Over Whiteman event. Gary (WA0BTM) stated they only made three contacts. Ken (KO9R), Trevor (KDOMHL), Gary (WA0BTM) and Frances (KC0TFR) were the only ones that showed up this year.
- b. The club is still working on a video to capture the events the club is involved with over the course of the year.
- c. Steve (KC0YEH) has not received any information from Norman Lampton (KC0FNA) concerning the club's 501c3 status. Steve is going to try to contact Norman to see if he is interested in helping the club work its 501c3 status. If not, or we do not hear anything, the club might need to seek assistance elsewhere. Gary (WA0BTM) suggested we post something to Larry's List.
- d. We are still looking at hosting a General Class course in September. If you are interested in helping contact Keith (WE0G).
- 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. Gloria (KC0TPB) asked to speak to Steve (KC0YEH) after the meeting.
- f. The club received a thank you email from Larry Staples regarding the card the club sent him last month congratulating him on his award. Cary (KB0HV) let the club know the video of the presentation was posted on the club's Facebook page.

## X. New Business:

- a. Cary (KB0HV) thought it would be a good idea to download and watch the ARRL Webinar about capturing video for amateur radio. Cary thought we could watch it one evening at EMA. We could start the video, take a break for a potluck dinner, then finish the presentation. Frances, (KC0TFR) asked if we could hold the presentation on a Friday or Saturday, so they could attend. Steve (KC0YEH) will talk to Gloria (KC0TPB) to work out a date for the presentation. Once the date is taken care of, members of the club will be notified. Tom (WB0TOM) thought it might be a good idea to show the presentation during the hamfest.
- b. Steve (KC0YEH) was approached about a concern of linking the 2 meter and 440 repeater during the Sunday evening net. The concern was there appears to be a lot of doubles and extra noise when we link the repeaters during the net, and it might be a distraction and discourage new hams from trying net control. Keith (N0VJ) thought if we discovered extra noise or a problem with the link it would be a good time to do some troubleshooting. Cary (KB0HV) and Katie (W0KTE) didn't see any problems with linking the repeaters during the net. We link the two repeaters during the net to test the link to verify that it works properly. Cary mentioned the net control could mention the two repeaters are linked to test the link and to verify it is working correctly during the preamble, and to encourage those with 440 equipment to check into the net via the 440 link to test their equipment. The club decided to continue linking the two repeater systems during the net.
- c. Jim (KU0G) announced to the club there is a new repeater in the area on 442.875. The new repeater is a Moto-Turbo repeater and he would like to get a table and possibly get on the schedule for a forum at our hamfest. He was asked to make contact with Sheri (KD0CAT) concerning hamfest. He also mentioned he has a hand-held he would loan out to local hams interested in learning more about Moto-Turbo.
- d. Tom (WB0TOM) let the club know his repeater was down. He is hoping to get it to Jack (N0SAX) in Carrollton soon to get it repaired. Tom likes having his repeater there towards the south part of the county and once repaired he will let the club know.



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**XI. Upcoming Events:**

June 14th - Mow and clean-up Lea's Cemetery  
June 20th – EMA/Healthcare Services Net on 146.880 at 10:00am  
June 17th - ARES Meeting at 4:00pm  
June 23-24th – Field Day  
July 14th - Hamfest  
July 21th - Club Meeting

**XII. Net Signups:**

June 10: KC0YEH  
June 17: WE0G  
June 24: N4RZB  
July 01: KB0HV  
July 08: KC0YEH  
July 15: WE0G

Next Board Meeting July 19th, 2012 at 6:00pm at EMA  
Next Club Meeting July 21th, 2012 at 9:00am at EMA

**XIII. Adjourn:**

Frances (KC0TFR) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug (N4RZB) seconded, the motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Sheri Sisco, KD0CAT  
Secretary, WAARCI