



WARRENSBURG AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES – March, 11th 2017

After Keith (NOVJ) verified a Quorum the WAARCI meeting was called to order at 0900 by President, Cary (KBOHV)

Prior to the opening of regular business, President Cary introduced Pam Lund, XYL of, Silent Key, Bill WOYOU. Pam had some equipment that Bill used in his Shack and was here to talk to the club about helping her disposition it. This lit off a firestorm of random conversations and Ideas of what to do. There was also some reminiscing of how the club had helped in the past with silent key operators. The recommendation was made to Pam that her point of contact with the club would be Cary to avoid confusion. Pam was very grateful and did stay for the rest of the meeting.

Introductions were made, Joyce (WOJAF) was unable to attend but wanted to send her best wishes VIA Cary. 18 members 3 visitors, 21 total in attendance.

- I. **Secretaries Report** – Meeting minutes had been passed out to the membership during the meeting. Obviously without actually reading them Gary (WBOBTM) made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Frances (KC0TFR) afterwards, to the embarrassment of the secretary, a glaring error was found in the minutes by Cary, who actually read them. Minutes were then amended and approved by the membership.
- II. **Treasurer's report** was submitted by Rick (KB0VZP). Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Frances and seconded by Doug (N4RZB) approved by the membership. There was a discussion about the previous discussion to close the business account and keep funds separated in the treasure books to avoid paying extra charges from the bank. Things are going to stay just the way they are.
- III. **ARES:** The next ARES meeting will be held on the 19th of March then the 8th of April. Spotters training will be held on the 22nd of March. Rick is working "Mesh Network" to provide backup internet using Amateur radio frequencies for vital areas if the local internet goes down. Rick had a Mesh node to pass around for members to look at.
- IV. **Repeater Committee;**
 - a. Poly-phasor on the 146.880 repeater appear to be working with no trouble.
 - b. Ken had installed a commercial combination lock on the double doors at the back of the building. The lock look and works well.
 - c. The 220 hard line was changed. This opened up a conversation of expected propagation and performance. So we will see how it works.
 - d. After replacing the antenna, the KC Heart / VA net continues to have issues with poor connection to the WAARCI 88 repeater. The KC Heart group is looking at replacing their end of the linking system. It has also been discussed to move the system to the roof of the Research Hospital so that the K.C. Heart would have easier access to their equipment. We will continue to watch and anticipate helping as needed.

- e. The USB net has been successful and will start linking the 440 and 88 to provide better overall coverage.
 - f. NOXG has some polyphazers that he is donating to the club. Rick will stop by in his travels and pick them up.
- V. There was a discussion to buy two combination locks, one for the repeater building one for the gate. Gary made a motion but was unable to articulate what the motion was. Keith (N0VJ) made a motion to have Rick buy two high quality combination locks for the repeater building and the gate. Seconded by Mark (KB0MAC)
- VI. **Website Committee Report:** Larry (W9XE) gave an update for the web site. Wordpress will be coming on line soon, almost 80% of the information has been moved over. Looking forward to being able interface with Face book, have ARRL podcasts and the weekly ARRL newsletters. Larry is spending time getting to know this new format.
- VII. **Club Business / Events**
- A. Hamfest is coming up; URGENT! The Fairgrounds informed us that we were no longer able to use the fair grounds for our hamfest. It seems a larger origination wanted to use the building the same time we were so the Fairground board chose to kick us out. Cary, Keith vj and Walt (KE0CLH) talked to the Crest Ridge middle school. Arrangements were made to use their gym and kitchen area for our Hamfest at no cost except for one maintenance person to supervise and clean up afterwards. We may have to rent additional tables from another source depending on how many tables are available. Information will be updated on the website and Facebook.
 - B. Boy Scouts University 22nd of April
 - C. WWI special event station complete with the French Flying team 29th April
 - D. Tech Licensing class will be held on the 29th of April and the 6th of may with testing on the 6th of may. Keith vj will be contacting members to help with the instructing. If you are interested in helping drop Keith a line a n0vj@arrl.net
 - E. NEWS LETTER; looking for interested volunteer to take this project on. Contact Cary
 - F. Members of the weather spotter group has been getting great, positive feed back. If you are a weather spotter or want to become a spotter you need to have annual training or updating. Talk to Rick (KB0VZP) if you are interested.
- VIII. **Board Meeting;**
- a. The next board meeting will be held at the EMA office on the 29th of March at 1800 with the general club meeting on the 8th of April

2017 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, Frances, 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
Board Members: Cary Altman KB0HV
 Walter Cooley KE0CLH
 Rick Ebbesen KB0VZP
 Keith Raihala N0VJ

IX. Club Drawings and Donations:

A. 50/50 drawing totaled \$31.00 / 15.50 each Won by Mark

B. Operating Expenses, \$24.00 was collected

X. Net Sign-ups:

A. WAARCI Net Sunday Nights on 146.88Ø at 8:3Ø p.m.

1. 12th of March Cary
2. 19th of March Robert
3. 26th of March Ken
4. 2nd of April Mark

XI. Adjourn:

A. A motion was **made** to adjourn by Frances KCOTFR, seconded by David (WAODVU) and approved by acclamation at 10:21 pm.

Next Club Meeting – Saturday, 8th of April at 09:00 at the EMA. Board meeting March 29th at 1800 at the EMA office

Respectfully submitted by Keith Raihala, NOVJ, Secretary NWO.