



WARRENSBURG AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES – May 14th, 2016

Prelude: Today's meeting was a dinner meeting starting around 1700 at the EMA office. Several members of the WAARCI were involved supporting the Patriot Ride for Camp Valor. The Dinner was a pot luck where members brought a whole lot of chicken with fixings. Katie in her fine fashion brought some world class, homemade Pulled Pork, corn bread, as usual bringing some class to the group.

After checking for a Quorum by the secretary, the meeting was called to order at 1726 by Cary (KB0HV) Members were encouraged to participate in the pot luck throughout the meeting.

Congratulations to Bill Sherwood for passing his Tech License. Look for his new call KE0JEO

Random remarks regarding how well WW1 USA were given by Frances and Gary. It seems everything went well. There will be another Event at the WW1 Memorial 24th of July a week after the WAARCI HamFest and again in October. Participating is encouraged. Discounted tickets will be available for Licensed Ham operators to tour the museum during the events.

Cary warned about a new Adobe Flash update that is really a Virus. Other scams related to FedEx and internet scams were discussed. Then we took a major dive into the weeds talking about internet security and Urban Myths and phone scams. You have been warned. Don't do it.

An attempt to start the meeting By Cary (KB0HV) was made but there were too many folks that were still thrashing in the weeds having random conversations. The dinner was good. Folks were enjoying the conversations.

Also Frances and Gary reported on Murrel's funeral a program and QSL card was added to the WAARCI historical archives. Several members had fond memories regarding Murrel and shared them with the members.

A discussion about WAARCI Hamfest started regarding paypal, table sales. Last year there was a disconnect with table payments and who received notification of who paid or did not pay for their tables. Rick made comment how this was a subject of discussion while he and Ken were on the tower then there was jet another Epic dive into the weeds regarding internet access and potential for club income from the internet company. Keith n0vj commented that he had called the internet company that was at the Airat Hambash who was interested in having access to the WAARCI tower and was waiting for a response from the company.

Cary opened regular business by starting introductions. Present were 13 members and 0 guests

- I. **Secretaries Report** – A motion to accept the April minutes was made by Joyce (W0JAF) and seconded by Katie (W0KTE) approved by the membership 12 yay to 1 nay with Ken (KO9R) being the only opposing vote, in Jack's absence.
- II. **Treasurer's report** for May was submitted with a brief explanation by Rick (KB0VZP). A Motion to accept the March report by Ken (KO9R) and seconded by Katie. A \$3.00 charge that has been seen on the WAARCI bank statement was clarified and Rick followed up with the bank making changes so this charge would not reoccur.
- III. **Activity Committee** Nothing new today
- IV. **ARES:** The next ARES meeting will be 15th of May at the EMA office, 19th June at 1700 at the EMA office. No really bad weather so far. If you are interested in getting involved in ARES come to the meetings.
- V. **Emergency Management Report:**
The S.O. is interested in maybe using the Holden tower site building as an emergency storm shelter for prisoners. There was a random discussion of the pros and cons of doing this. Keith N0VJ contacted the S.O. and is waiting for a response Off into the weeds regarding requirements to make it work for the S.O. discussion tabled until we talk to the S.O.

VI. Repeater Committee;

- A. The APRS system is up and running on the Holden tower.
- B. Larry is still working on the S-Com 7330 controller for the 220 and 6 mtr repeater. He has been working out the bugs, should be done soon.
- C. 146.880 repeater to stay analog at the charter site. Set up analog and digital at the Holden site so operators can experiment with more modes. Listen up on the local repeaters for updates.
- D. Cary talked about linking both towers together and to establish internet connectivity to establish a larger foot print and to allow for more options and amateur radio experimenting. More information to follow as plans develop.
- E. Look at WAARCI web site to see photos from the top of the Holden tower showing clear view for 360 degrees.
- F. Poly phasors failed during lighting storm. New ones are in Rick's truck, Rick will replace them today.
- G. The 2 MTR amp will be taken off line and sent to the factory for updating and repair.
- H. It had been decided by the board at the board meeting to accept Larry's generous offer to allow Larry (W9XE) to upgrade and install a new 220 repeater. In 7 years after the building is paid for Larry will decide to donate or sell the 220 repeater to the club.
- I. Two repeater antennas were picked up from Katie's barn and brought to the Holden site for storage.

VIII. Website Committee Report:

No new Updates, HamFest flyer needs to be updated on WAARCI.org

VIII. Club Events:

- A. 21st of May there will be a get together to clean up and mow at Lee's Cemetery, all are encouraged to attend.

- B. Henry raffle ticket sales will be at Woods on 21st . Cary will be there. Members need to show up to help 0900 to 1300
- C. UCM boy Scout Merit Badge university was held at Skyhaven on April 9th (Saturday) and 10th (Sunday). 400 scouts attended working on several different merit badges, over 60 scouts qualified for their radio merit badge.
- D. The Patriot Run Starting at 0900 this morning. WAARCI members provided communication, keeping track of the safety and welfare of the riders. Not enough volunteers, if members vote to support a program, same members need to participate. If there is no intention to participate/volunteer do not vote to support.

IX. Public Information Officer:

- A. Did absolutely nothing.

X. Fund Raising Committee Report:

- A. Henry Golden Boy 22 Mag. Ticket sales will be \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. the drawing will be at the July Warrensburg Hamfest. Tickets are available for distribution. Cary ticket #527 to 627, Rick #7037 to 7137, Gary #425 to 525, Sam #629 to 729, Keith #731 to 831
- B. Big dive into the weeds for most of the meeting, Informal conversation along with sidebar conversations. The food seems to make the meeting more of a social event. There was a lot of friendly conversation and scattered discussion on so many issues I was unable to keep up with the note taking

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

XII. 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 – Keith, Ken, Cary, Joyce, Rick, Randy
 Field Day – Rick, Randy
 Fox Hunt –Rick, Keith, 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
 Patriot Run- Randy , Rick

XIII. Business:

- A. The Executive board decided to change meeting time to the Thursday prior to the general meeting, to be held at the local Pizza Hut. Buy your own pizza
- B. June 4th Fox Hunt BBQ, changed to be at a later date after the Hamfest because the Warsaw club was having a fox hunt on the 4th of June. WAARCI members are encouraged to participate.
- C. July 9th meeting will Be held at the EMA office at 1700. It is an important meeting to attend because it is the last meeting prior to the WAARCI HamFest and final details will need to be made.
- D. Rick Reminded members that because we are an ARRL affiliated club it is important for members to become an ARRL member. It benefits the club if members renew through the club. Talk to Rick for ARRL membership information.
- E. A letter needs to be sent to the EMA officially requesting the use of the Generator.

- F. Motion made to give an honorary membership for the year to John (K0VET) RayJ (K0HDC) and Bill (KD0QJY)
- G. Motion made to make a \$25.00 donation to the ARalph scholarship in Murrel's name.

XIV. Club Drawings and Donations:

- A. 50/50 pot was won by Walt (KE0CLH). Total collected was \$34.00, and was donated back to the tower fund.
- B. Operating Expenses Donation Bucket, passed around at the meeting, received \$22.00 that was added to the general operating fund.

XV. Net Sign-ups:

- A. WAARCI Net Sunday Nights on 146.880 at 8:30 p.m.
 - 1. 15th May Rick (KB0VZP)
 - 2. 22nd May Ken (K09R)
 - 3. 29th May Cary (KB0HV)
 - 4. 5th June Robert (KE0AVT)

XVI. Adjourn:

- A. A motion was made to adjourn by Frances (KC0TFR), seconded by Robert (KE0AVT) and all approved to adjourn at 1907 pm.

Next Club Meeting – Saturday, June 11th at 09:00. Board meeting Thursday, June 9th at 1830 at the local Pizza Hut.

Respectfully submitted by Keith Raihala, NOVJ, Secretary NWO.