



WARRENSBURG AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – November 2014

The Warrensburg Area Amateur Radio Club met at the EMA building on **November 8, 2014**. Cary Altman (KB0HV) President, brought the meeting to order at 9:03am. Introductions began with 28 members and 5 guests.

Secretaries Report: the October minutes were submitted online and presented at the meeting by Joyce (WOJAF)

**Motion to accept was made by Gary (WA0BTM) and seconded by Michael (W0MJC)
Passed by Hand Vote**

Liela (KD0SPW) – October Treasurer's report was submitted by Liela to the board and to the assembled membership.

- a. We have resolved to set up a regular automatic bill payment with the electric company
- b. We have caught up on pending bills and payments to members
- c. We have resolved to look into the costs of getting an accountant to give info on 501c3
- d. We will talk with Steve Semon about the Tower Taxes that will be due in December.

**Motion to accept was made by Ken (KO9R) and seconded by Michael (W0MJC)
Passed by Hand Vote**

AA: 2015 Officer Elections

- a. 2015 Nominations for President were re-opened by Cary (KB0HV) and no additional nominations were heard. A motion was made by Ken (KO9R) to close nominations and it was seconded by Bill (KD0QJY). A voice vote appeared to be unanimous.
 - i. **Being unopposed, Cary (KB0HV) was elected to serve as President for 2015, by acclamation.**
- b. 2015 Nominations for Vice President were re-opened by Cary (KB0HV) and no additional nominations were heard. A motion was made by Michael (W0MJC) to close nominations and it was seconded by Bob (KD0WFW). A voice vote appeared to be unanimous.
 - i. **A secret ballot was taken to choose between Rick (KB0VZP) and Jack (K0BI), and upon counting it was found that Rick (KB0VZP) was elected by the assembled membership plus 3 proxy votes, to serve as Vice President for 2015.**
- c. 2015 Nominations for Treasurer were re-opened by Cary (KB0HV) and one additional nomination was heard by Linda (KD0LIV), for Jim (KD0USX). Jim (KD0USX) accepted the nomination. No additional nominations were heard. A motion was made by Randy (KD0UPY) to close nominations and it was seconded by Robert (KE0AVT). A voice vote appeared to be unanimous.

- i. **A secret ballot was taken to choose between Larry (W9XE) and Jim (KD0USX), and upon counting it was found that Jim (KD0USX) was elected by the assembled membership plus 3 proxy votes, to serve as Treasurer for 2015.**

- d. 2015 Nominations for Secretary were re-opened by Cary (KB0HV) and no additional nominations were heard. A motion was made by Jim (KD0USX) to close nominations and it was seconded by Ken (KO9R). A voice vote appeared to be unanimous.

- i. **Being unopposed, Joyce (W0JAF) was elected to serve as Secretary for 2015, by acclamation.**

- I. **ARES®:** November 16th Monthly meeting –5pm (EMA Office). There are plans to reorganize the radio room a bit and to tweak the FLDIGI program.

II. **Emergency Management Report:**

- a. Newspaper article, Congratulations to Doug (N4RZB), Cary (KB0HV) and Joel (KC0ELZ)
- b. Technician Training classes next weekend, and Rick (KB0VZP) and Cary (KB0HV) have completed the updates to the club's PowerPoint Technician class
- c. Newspaper notice has been given regarding the November Tech Class

III. **Repeater Committee Report:**

- a. Electricity is on at Holden and we are enjoying Fantastic signal reports.
- b. 220 repeater is working now after replacing cables and a trip to NOSAX's house
- c. 6m repeater is working perfectly, starting to get some use
- d. APRS digipeater hearing stations from amazing distances, even Italy! Gloria (KC0TPB) would like a report on how this has enhanced the region wide APRS map.
- e. An informational vote was taken after some discussion as to whether or not we should get ARRL insurance for the equipment at the repeater sites. A second suggestion was that we look into surge insurance from the power company. We have realized that we need a good list of club equipment before we can determine how much insurance we will need.
- f. Yaesu has cashed our check for \$500, so we will be receiving the new DR-1X, T-shirts and we now own the test DR-1 repeater, the handheld FT1DR and the mobile digital radio.
- g. Jim (KUOG) announced that he is now the responsible party for a 190' tower in Windsor, MO. WAARCI has been invited to use this tower for a donation toward the power bill. This is an exciting prospect, and we are considering several ideas as to best utilize this resource.

IV. **Website Committee Report:**

- a. The Official signup form will be put on the WW1USA website and we will fill in our current signup list for the event and we will soon provide a link to the national signup form from the WAARCI page.

V. **Upcoming Club Events:**

- a. 2015 Hamfest — looking into getting most of the food for 2015 donated to us
- b. 2015 FD
- c. Christmas party (deposit has been paid)
 1. Prizes – Ken (KO9R) has purchased two hand held radios to support our new repeaters, one a 6m/2m and the other a 220/2m. **A motion was made by Ken (KO9R) to purchase 3 more Baofeng 2m/440 radios to complete the prizes for Christmas party and also the 50/50 final prize of the year. The motion was seconded by Sheri (KD0CAT) and passed easily by voice vote and enthusiastic waving of hands.**
 2. Food – Larry (W9XE) and Katie (W0KTE) have offered to cook turkeys and Ken (KO9R) says that his XYL will be making her famous potatoes. If you would like to lock in your special dish for the pot luck dinner, contact Cary (KB0HV) at 660-530-8892.

3. Preparations – We will plan to meet at the church to prepare the room for the party after the club meeting on December 13th.

VI. Public Information Officer Report:

- a. Cary and Rick worked hard to pull together the 2014-2018 Technician class PowerPoint
- b. Working on catching up with stories of all of our recent activities and reporting of the same, there are still several stories being worked on. Rumors are being heard that we might be mentioned in QST soon.

VII. Old Business:

- a. Cary will call Steve Semon about training class, Christmas party, taxes and tower contract
- b. Need to put out a Larry's List notice about availability of the new repeaters
- c. WW1USA plans are coming together, and will be the focus of the December General meeting.

VIII. Contest Coordinator's Report :

IX. Training Committee Report:

- a. Technician Classes
- b. Cary has finished putting together the new test pool information into our PowerPoint for the training class.
- c. Cary finished the 1 hour per week, overview of ham radio for the home school program. We expect many of these students to eventually become hams and join the club.
- d. An official WAARCI/ARES/EMA sponsored training class and testing session has been scheduled for November 15 and 22nd and has been confirmed as a good date at the EMA office.

X. New Business:

- a. We are going to look into the possibility of skyping or teleconferencing to our meetings. December's board meeting may have a way for members to teleconference; we are still working on the details.
- b. We are planning to meet with Steve Semon and invite them to the Training class and the Christmas Party
- c. Look into putting out a donation bucket at all club activities for contributions toward the Holden Tower power bill.
- d. Got the Yaesu t-shirt sizes for Robert, Randy and Doug
- e. We have volunteered to organize a Radio Merit Badge program for the Boy Scout Merit Badge University, being held April 10-12 at Sky Haven Airport.
- f. Anna (KD0MYG) donated \$140 back to the club to pay forward the gift that she was given a couple of years ago from Doug (N4RZB) when he donated several radios for new hams. The club will use this \$140 to buy several Baofeng radios that we can use to gift to deserving new hams who need a bit of help to get started.
- g. Gary (WA0BTM) has several headsets for sale, some with microphones, and some without. These can be used at the WW1USA event and for your home stations.

XI. Tabled Items

- a. Club Membership process review
- b. Drawing for WAARCI Club Attendance — discontinued until further notice
- c. Keith (WE0G) has suggested that we coordinate a local ham radio event with the city's Kid's Day next year. The board thought this sounded like a great idea and we look forward to hearing more on this as it develops.
- d. 501c3 and insurance — we need to put together an inventory list of club equipment.
- e. We still need to create a club library list and some sort of check out system. Checked out books are still on a paper list system, I am working on something better and web based so everyone can see where are books are at any time.
- f. There was some discussion that a sign should be placed at the cemetery mentioning who maintains the site, and encouraging donations to the county managed trust fund. No motion was made to procure such a sign and the discussion was dropped. Those wishing to contribute to the trust fund should contact Carol Chappelle or Heather Reynolds at the county commissioner's office.

- g. Ken and Cary are on deck to fix the front porch at the Awaken Church as we promised to do in order to keep a good relationship with the renter for our Christmas Party venue. Mellissa has been contacted and we are scheduled for our party on December 13th. We need to send them a check for half of the rental.

XII. Announcements:

- a. December Meeting will have demo of remote WW1USA station
- b. AnyTone AT58888 iii coming out soon with 220 , approx. \$349 price range

XIII. Club Drawings:

- a. It was a big one this month! \$55! 50%, or \$27.50 was won by Frances (KCOTFR)

XIV. Upcoming Events:

- 1. Tech Training and Testing, Nov 15, 22nd 8:30 am
- 2. Christmas Party – December 13th 6pm, Awaken Church, Warrensburg

XV. Net Signups:

- a. WAARCI Net 146.880 at 0830 pm
 - 1. *November 9– Steve (KCOYEH)*
 - 2. *November 16 – Cary (KBOHV)*
 - 3. *November 23 – Rick (KB0VZP)*
 - 4. *November 30 –David (KE0ZNI)/Cary (KBOHV)*
 - 5. *December 7 –Robert (KE0AVT)/Cary (KBOHV)*

XVI. Adjourn:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Frances (KCOTFR) and was seconded by Jack (K0BI). The motion was approved by voice vote, along with enthusiastic acclamation, waving of hands and talk of lunchtime activities.

Next Board Meeting – ***December 11, 2014, 6:30pm***

Next Club Meeting – ***December 13, 2014, 9:00am***

Meeting adjourned at: 11:10am

Submitted by Joyce Fagan, WØJAF, Secretary- WAARCI