



# WARRENSBURG AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

INC.



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING –September 12, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 by Cary (KBØHV)

Welcome and Introductions, 19 members, 1 guests

- I. **Secretaries Report** - Joyce, (WØJAF) submitted her report on-line and to the assembled membership. A motion to accept her minutes was made by Gary (WAØBTM), seconded by Rick (KBØVZP) and approved 18-1.
- II. **Treasurer's report** – Jim, (KØITL) submitted the financial reports to the assembled membership for August and September. A motion to accept his reports was made by, Frances (KCØTFR) and seconded by Gary (WAØBTM) and approved 18-1.
- III. **ARES:**
  - A. Ares meeting on September 20th at 5 p.m.
  - B. Region A Healthcare net on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am
  - C. Veterans Run for Freedom on September 26<sup>th</sup>
  - D. Working 'BurgFest September 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - E. Ken, Rick and Cary participated in this year's statewide Interoperability Test and Ham Radio turned out to be the only service able to relay messages from the Johnson County Fairground site due to excessive RF interference from the old Missouri Power grid located underground at that location.
- IV. **Emergency Management Report:**
  - A. Public acclimation was given to Gloria (KCØTPB) for her support for the club and also to Rick (KBØVZP) for all he does to support local activities.
- V. **Repeater Committee**
  - A. Rick (KBØVZP), Ken (KO9R), Keith (NØVJ) and others installed the new heat/cooling pump at the Holden Repeater site and made the unit operational.
- VI. **Website Committee Report:**
- VII. **Upcoming Club Events:**
  1. October's Meeting is the first opening of nominations for WAARCI 2016 Officers.
  2. October's meeting start time will be pushed up to 8:30am in order to get a full meeting in before a CERT callout at the EMA offices scheduled for late morning.
  3. Discussion was had regarding participating in a WAARCI Frankenstein type event on October 31. Keith (NØVJ) has offered his home as the location for the event this year. Cary (KBØHV) will be securing a special event callsign for this activity.
  4. September 26 we will be helping the local veteran's home in their annual Veteran's Run for Freedom. We need volunteer commitments for this event as early as possible.
  5. The board meeting from 9/25 to Thursday, September 24, due to a conflict with 'Burg Fest
- VIII. **Public Information Officer:**

**IX. Fund Raising Committee Report:**

- A. Fund raising letters are in the mail. The club invested in \$90 for stamps, all printing, envelopes and paper was donated to the fund raising effort.
- B. We have also committed to starting an electronic fund raising campaign by creating a special webpage highlight our fundraising poster, describing our need, and referencing that page on mailings to Larry's List and other electronic correspondents.
- C. Sheri (KDØCAT) and Joyce (WØJAF) will check into crowd funding and will report back to the club.
- D. Frances (KCØTFR) suggested that we approach local restaurants regarding fund raising dinners and Gloria (KCØTPB) joined the Grants and Charities committee and has volunteered to approach local business to schedule a fund raising event at one of their locations.
- E. The club agreed to have a raffle to raise more funds for the tower project and several members are looking into the best price and best item to raffle off, and also bringing local businesses into the project.
- F. We have applied for and gained local approval for a federal grant for the entire \$20,000 for the Holden Tower project. Since this grant would come with restrictions and federal oversight we are still not sure that we can accept this money and are continuing with our first plan of raising the money ourselves. Once the tower is in our name, we can always go back to the Feds to ask for other grants that would not restrict our operations. Rick (KBØVZP) made a motion to proceed with the grant process for now, to get answers to our questions and to consider this Plan B, with the primary objective, or Plan A, being to fund the Tower ourselves. The motion was seconded by Jack (KØBI) and approved 18-1.
- G. A motion was made by Larry, (W9XE) to renegotiate the contract with Steve Semon, paying him \$4,000 toward our debt, to extend the contract to January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Protection for any funds payed to date will be included. Seconded by Rick (KBØVZP) and was approved 18-1.
- H. We invite the club to submit questions that they have regarding this proposed grant. Please submit them to [president@waarci.org](mailto:president@waarci.org) and we will make sure to address them when we are able to ask FEMA about them. The questions currently on the table regarding the federal grant are:
  - a. Is the oversite for the life of the tower or does it run out after a period of time?
  - b. What maintenance will be required at the Tower site
  - c. What are the requirements for tower climbing; will we need federal licenses or training?
  - d. Will we need special insurance and how much?
  - e. Will we be able to allow for-profit companies to have space on the tower
  - f. Will we have restrictions on what we can add to the tower or the site

**X. Old Business:**

**XI. Contest Coordinator's Report:**

- A. This position is currently open

**XII. Training Committee Report:**

**XIII. 2015 Committees**

WAARCI Young Hams and mentors – Rick, LindaZ

Repeater – Larry, Jack, Ken, Rick, KeithH, Cary, Randy, Robert

Website/Facebook – Rick, Larry, Cary

Audit / 501c3 compliance-Rick,Jim

Grants, Charities and Fund Raising – Rick, Randy, Cary, Jim, **Gloria, Sheri**

Hamfest – Rick, Ken, Liela, Carl, Cary, Joyce, KeithR

Field Day – Rick

Fox Hunt –Rick

Training – Cary, Rick

Event Planning – Rick

Library – Rick,Jim

New Member welcoming committee – Samuel, Rick

Bylaws and Constitutional review committee – Rick, Cary, LindaZ, Larry, JimD  
Tower site planning – Rick, Ken, Larry  
Contesting – Cary, Rick  
Patriot Run- Randy , Rick

**XIV. New Business:**

- A. We need to send a bill to the county for our upkeep at Lea Cemetery
- B. Katie (WØKTE) made a motion that we pay any dues required to become members of the new KC Region Council of Clubs that is in the process of forming. Motion was seconded by Gary (WAØBTM) and passed 19-1

**XV. Tabled Items**

- A. We would like 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.
- B. Producing a sign to 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.
- C. Ken and Cary fixing the front porch at the Awaken Church.

**XVI. Announcements**

**XVII. Club Drawings and Donations:**

- A. 50/50 pot was won by Jack (KØBI). Total collected was \$30.00. \$15 went to the Tower fund and \$15 went to the General Operating Fund.
- B. We are now putting out a donation bucket at all club activities for contributions toward operating expenses at the repeater sites. This bucket received \$21 and was added to the general operating fund.
- C. Thanks to our new member Jack (WAØVLT) for joining the club at the meeting and giving us a donation of \$16 to go to the general operating fund.

**XVIII. Net Sign-ups:**

- A. WAARCI Net Sunday Nights on 146.88Ø at 8:3Ø p.m.
  - 1. September 13th: Cary (KBØHV) / Joyce (WØJAF)
  - 2. September 20th: Ken (KO9R)
  - 3. September 27th: Rick (KBØVZP)
  - 4. October 4th: Jim (KØITL)

**XIX. Adjourn:**

- A. A motion was made to adjourn by Frances (KCØTFR), second by Walter (KEØCLH) and all approved to adjourn at 11:00 am.

Next Board Meeting - **Thursday**, September 24th at 6:30 p.m.  
Next Club Meeting – **Saturday**, October 10th at 8:30 a.m..

Respectfully submitted by Joyce A. Fagan, WØJAF, Secretary