

**WARRENSBURG AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
INC.**



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES – September, 10th 2016

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

Cary opened regular business by starting introductions. Present were 12 members and 2 guests

- I. **Secretaries Report** – Larry W9XE identified a discrepancy between the minutes and what was announced on the net as an error in the minutes. It was clarified that the minutes were accurate and that the president spoke in error on the net. After a further clarification and apology from the president, Gary (WB0BTM) made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Joyce (W0JAF). Minutes were approved by the membership 11 yay to 1 nay with Frances (KC0TFR) being the opposing vote.
 - II. **Treasurer's report** for August was submitted by Rick (KB0VZP) in absentee. There was a note that a \$150.00 donation was made to the club by a family member from the Lee's cemetery. Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Keith (NOVJ) and seconded by Gary (WB0BTM) approved by the membership.
 - III. **ARES:** When Rick returns there will be a report regarding the earthquake drill held in Sedalia on the 23rd of August at the State fairgrounds in Sedalia. The next ARES meeting will be held on the 18th of September. ARES will be manning the ARES trailer at the BurgFest on the 23rd and 24th of September. The ARES and CERT groups will be providing help with crowd control during the BurgFest. If anyone is interested in helping out be sure to contact Gloria (KC0TPB) at the EMA office or Rick
 - IV. **Emergency Management Report:** Because of changes at the EMA office the WAARCI may need to find another place to hold meetings. The Fire Department #4 building is being vacated by the Fire Department and may become available. Do not fear the WAARCI will not be tossed out on to the street without a home.
 - V. **Repeater Committee;** The SWR on the 220 repeater was identified as being too high. It was discovered that there was water inside the hard line. After the water was drained out the SWR came back in line and was functional again. It seems there has been some damage to the hardline and the hardline needs replacing. Larry was able to buy 150 feet of new 7/8 hardline to replace the damaged hardline. Listen up for more information and when we are going to install the new line. Keith VJ has new Andrew Heliacx ends for the Hardline. Rick has his eye on a 6 meter antenna with gain, so look forward to more discussion and upgrades in the future.
- A. There was more discussion regarding the messaging on the 2 mtr repeater. Larry (W9XE) has been working on the computer scripting to tweak the timing of the messaging. It was agreed that the repeater is quieter during the evening. There was a spicy discussion between Larry and Katie (W0KTE) with comments and opinions from other members in attendance. After a deep dive into the weeds Cary brought the meeting back to order and reminded everyone that

everyone has an opinion and that is why the survey will help with forming the direction of the club. The survey should be finalized and mailed out this week.

- B. Blue Bird reality is currently negotiating the land sale of property west of the driveway at the Holden site. Market value of the property is at \$6000.00 we are currently waiting for a counter offer.
- C. There was some discussion regarding the property and building a fence on the other side of the of the building that extends past the current fence line. Keith vj made a motion to contact the farmer/owner of the adjacent property of our intent to build a new fence line to define the correct property line. To contract with Ken (KO9R) to buy the materials for about \$300 to \$400 and build 5 strand barbed wire fence with the volunteer help of several club members. The motion was seconded by Gary motioned carried.
- D. Contacted by Jeremiah Burk owner of Axion internet service. Cary outlined the proposed contract between Axion and WAARCI. Rent of the tower \$1.00 per foot per month, WAARCI gets free internet, AXION will point a cone towards the Charter tower site so the WAARCI can have internet at both sites, 10% discount for club members. A change of the contract made WAARCI the primary of the tower and allows either party to cancel the contract if interference becomes an issue. Then the meeting took yet another epic dive into the weeds discussing the operation of the Axion internet service of what they may or may not be trying to do. Or how they may be trying to expand their business. After a 35minute role in the weeds Ken made a motion to bring it to the board. Next step would be to do a site survey with Jeremiah and have the board make the final decision to go forward with the contract as described by Cary and to include that Axion needs to contact us prior to getting on the tower for routine maintenance. Joyce seconded the motion carried with Frances voting nay
- VI. **Website Committee Report:** September meeting minutes were put on the club Facebook page and the WAARCI web page. It was discussed to add club events to the event page on the club Facebook page and reference the club forum/web page on the Facebook page.
- VII. **Club Event** Special event station. Devil's Branch Halloween special events, 29th Oct 2016. Possible location in the field between B-Quip rental and Hwy 50, possibly using B-Quip equipment to support antenna systems. Potluck BBQ and Fox Hunt. Keith vj made a motion to have this special event and have Keith (WE0G) organize this event. Seconded by Joyce motioned carried. Keith WE0G then volunteered. WOH
 - A. Veterans Run 17th Sept. volunteers needed, Contact Cary
 - B. BurgFest 24th September.
- VIII. **Fund Raising:**
 - A. Cary made a motion to have a raffle at the BurgFest 24th of Sept. WAARCI will be starting a raffle described as a Double Raffle. Buy tickets for a \$150.00 prize at BurgFest. After a winner is picked all the BurgFest tickets will be added to the \$300.00 drawing to be held at the WAARCI Christmas party. Need not be present to win. Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20. So you will be getting two chances for the price of one. Seconded by Joyce, motion passed.
- IX. **Training Committee Report:** No Training Classes Scheduled at this time

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 – 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

Randy Butt KD0UPY

Rick Ebbesen KB0VZP

Keith Raihala N0VJ

X. Business

- A. The Board meetings will be the Wednesday 2 weeks prior to the Club meeting, at 1800 at the EMA office. The board meeting will be held on the 28th of September for the October general meeting. The board meeting will be held on the 2nd November for the November general meeting. The board meeting will be held on the 30th of November for the December general meeting.
- B. Tom (WB0TOM) presented to the Club a request to help support the W.I.L.S. (West central, Independent, Living, Solutions) This organization provides transportation and training for disabled persons to promote independent living. Katie reports that this organization is and has provided a great public service. The poker run is the same day as the South Side HamFest and the Boy Scouts Jamboree on the Air. There still was some interest for helping. A list was passed around the room where several members signed up to assist. Contact Tom WB0TOM for more information.
- C. There was a discussion to provide entry level radio licensing classes to the public. Keith vj volunteered to organize classes. After a short discussion classes will be coordinated between Larry, Keith vj and Gloria for the use of the EMA office. Classes scheduled sometime in the months of March and June. More information to follow.
- D. Elections for Vice President and Treasure will be held this year.
- E. Discussion regarding specific questions to be used for the club survey to be mailed out to the membership. There will be an e-mail group to review and develop a survey tool. Members of this group: Katie, Larry, Rick, Cary, Joyce, Keith vj and Keith.

XI. Club Drawings and Donations:

- A. 50/50 pot was won by Frances .Total collected was \$27.00, \$13.50 will be deposited into the tower fund.
- B. Operating Expenses Donation Bucket, passed around at the meeting, received \$32.00 that was added to the general operating fund.

XII. Net Sign-ups:

- A. WAARCI Net Sunday Nights on 146.880 at 8:30 p.m.
 - 1. 11th September Joyce and Cary
 - 2. 18th September Rick and Robert
 - 3. 25th September Ken
 - 4. 2nd October Keith WE0G

XIII. Adjourn:

- A. A motion was **made** to adjourn by Frances (KC0TFR), approved by acclamation at 11:50 pm.

Next Club Meeting – Saturday, October 8th at 09:00 at the EMA. Board meeting September 28th at 1800 at the EMA office

Respectfully submitted by Keith Raihala, N0VJ, Secretary NWO.