



WARRENSBURG AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES – April, 8th 2017

After Keith (NOVJ) verified a Quorum the WAARCI meeting was called to order at 0900 by President, Cary (KB0HV)

Introductions were made, 17 members 2 visitors, 19 total in attendance.

- I. **Secretaries Report** – Meeting minutes had been passed out to the membership during the meeting. Joyce made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Gary (WB0BTM) and approved by the membership.
- II. **Treasurer's report** was submitted by Rick (KB0VZP). Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Walt (KE0CLH) and seconded by Gary, approved by the membership.
- III. **ARES:** The next ARES meeting will be held on the 16th of April. Rick attended spotters training, Rick did video the meeting and encourages any one who want to watch it to let him know. Rick has been working on the “mesh Network” Rick shared information of how the network works 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. There was a good discussion about the project. If you want to get involved in weather watching members are encouraged to attend ARES meeting, the next one being on the 16th of April. Someone complained that the standard notifications for weather on the repeater were too basic and needed to be expanded. With out reprogramming the repeater every time the weather changes the notifications are just that “Basic” If you want more information turn your weather radio on or wait for the weather net to come up as appropriate.
- 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. Because of continued problems Larry took the 220 repeater off line to his home. It has been working there just fine. Current theory is that Axion Wifi is causing interference with the 220 controller, more to come. 6 meter system is up and working on the old controller.
 - d. KC Heart / VA net continues to have issues with poor connection to the WAARCI 88 repeater. Net is the first Monday of the month Matt May is working on issues.
 - e. The USB net has been successful and will start linking the 440 and 88 to provide better overall coverage. There have been some issues regarding the USB net announcements. Larry had some theory on what may be happening. This led to a big brainstorming/problem solving discussion with many side trips into the weeds. Katie (W0KTE) brought some reality to the discussion and made a motion to table this discussion and to do the brainstorming off line. Gary seconded the motion.

- f. NOXG has some polyphazers that he is donating to the club. Rick will stop by in his travels and pick them up.

V. Club Business / Events

- A. Shriner's Hamfest is next week. Go and enjoy.
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; It seems that Wild Bill may be interested in helping out with the news letter. More to come, we all need to help.
F. Members of the weather spotter group has been getting great, positive feedback. 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.

VI. Board Meeting;

- a. The next board meeting will be held at the EMA office on the 3rd of May at 1800 There will be a discussion about the by-laws and updating them to meet current practices. The general club meeting on the 13th of May

2017 Committees

WAARCI Young Hams and mentors – Rick, Keith vj, Walt
Repeater – Ken, Jack, Larry, Rick, Cary, Keith, Walt, Robert
Website/Facebook – Walt, Larry, Cary
Audit / 501c3 compliance-Rick, Walt
Grants, Charities and Fund Raising – Walt, Cary, Jim, Gloria,
Hamfest – Ken, Cary, Joyce, Rick, Walt, Keith
Field Day – Rick, Walt
Fox Hunt –Rick, Walt
Training – Cary, Rick, Keith, Walt
Event Planning – Joyce, Frances, Katie, Walt
Library – Rick, Walt
New Member welcoming committee – Samuel, Rick, Walt
Bylaws and Constitutional review committee – Rick, Cary, Larry, Walt
Tower site planning – Rick, Ken, Larry, Keith, Walt
Board Members: Cary Altman KB0HV
Walter Cooley KE0CLH
Rick Ebbesen KB0VZP
Keith Raihala N0VJ

VII. Club Drawings and Donations:

- A. 50/50 drawing totaled \$35.00 with 17.50 going to the tower fund and the 17.50 won by ?
B. Operating Expenses, \$26.00 was collected

VIII. Net Sign-ups:

- A. WAARCI Net Sunday Nights on 146.880 at 8:30 p.m.
1. 9th of April Cary
2. 16th of April Rick
3. 23rd of April Walt
4. 30th of April Ken
5. 7th of May Cary

IX. Adjourn:

- A. A motion was **made** to adjourn by Frances KC0TFR, seconded by Joyce (W0JAF) and approved by acclamation at 10:18 pm.

Next Club Meeting – Saturday, 13th of May at 09:00 at the EMA.

Respectfully submitted by Keith Raihala, N0VJ, Secretary NWO.