



WARRENSBURG AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES – May, 13th 2017

- I. Cary (KB0HV) opened the regular business at 9:03am by starting introductions. Present were 10 members and 3 guests.
- II. **Secretaries Report** – The club secretary, NOVJ was not present for the meeting because he was riding in the Camp Valor Ride for Freedom with several other club members and about 70 other people. He did however provide for review the minutes from the last meeting and the members present dutifully reviewed them. Gary (WA0BTM) made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Robert (KE0AVT) seconded the motion and passed with one nay vote from our designated dissenter.
- III. **Treasurer's Report** – The treasurer's report was presented to the assembled membership by Rick (KB0VZP). We talked some about the internet income and our decision not to confront Ax-ion at this time since we were essentially working around them with Rick's mesh network equipment. We talked about the yearend tax statements and Cary (KB0HV) reported that our tax statement has been filed with the IRS. We discussed some of the other forms that we need to publish and Cary resolved to get that done this week. Gary (WA0BTM) made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read and Frances (KC0TFR) seconded the motion. The motion passed with one dissent.
- IV. **ARES Report** -- The next ARES meeting will be held on the 21st of May at the EMA office, at 5pm. Rick discussed the work he is doing with the mesh network and later in the meeting showed us a live video feed from the camera on the Holden Communications Tower. We discussed the need for more volunteers for the weather nets on 146.88 as well as weather spotters and the importance of putting the weather warning tails on the repeater so as to warn the area that something is going on. Cary (KB0HV) told the club of an email we had received, commending us for putting these messages up, in response to an over the air complaint that was heard... and it turns out that the husband and wife who sent that letter were in the room, as two recent graduates of our Technician class and now new members of the club.
- V. **Repeater Committee** – The status of our repeaters at the moment is that 146.88 is working very well and report no problems with it at the moment. 443.200 is down until further notice. We have obtained permission to have a certified climber go up the tower if we need to and we have permission to fly a drone up to the top first to see if we can see what is going on with the antenna before going up. 53.550 is working fine at the Holden site and plans are someday to upgrade that antenna. 224.880 is still located at Larry's (W9XE) house with plans to move it back to the Holden site. We have done several things to try to keep that repeater from failing this time, we have relocated the antenna away from the internet company's equipment and further up the tower and made sure the ends and the coax are good up there. We have learned that the Bridgecom's are susceptible to quick power dropouts and have moved a UPS into place

to run the repeater from now on. We have also given every piece of equipment a very stern look and moved it at least once. We are hopeful that 220 will be up and operating well, very soon.

VI. Website Committee Report – There have been huge changes to our website and it really is worth checking out. Our Facebook account is now linked to the webpage and cross post between each other! There are many new features on the website, including podcasts, ham radio newsfeeds and a dx'ers section you really need to check out. Larry (W9XE) has clearly put a lot of work into this and has learned a totally new and modern way to put a website together. Please check it out, you are going to like it. www.waarci.org If you haven't logged in before, please for our convenience, make your username your callsign in uppercase so we know who you are.

VII. Club Business/Events

- A.** Our recent Technician class and testing session was a huge success. 20 people started the class and 20 people tested the following weekend. Out of those, 16 brand new hams were formed and congratulations go to Phillip (KJ5ZW) for upgrading to Amateur Extra!
- B.** Our recent UCM Boy Scout Merit Badge University went very well. We ran two classes with about 70 boys participating. Thanks to everyone who helped to make that event a success.
- C.** We spent quite a bit of time discussing how best to get better control of our membership process, in records keeping, renewal reminders and what to do about membership due dates. We feel we are missing renewals with regular reminders being mailed out, but somewhere along the way we stopped doing that. We have also seen flaws in our current way of doing memberships, where we tried to synchronize all memberships to expire on Jan 1 of every year. This policy was made years ago to make it easier to keep track of memberships, but today with computer programs designed to manage memberships, we now have a policy that needs to be reviewed by the entire membership. Larry (W9XE) has purchased a membership module \$69.95 from our VE test session earnings to add to our website that will make everything super easy and much less of a nightmare for incoming club Secretaries who have to manage our database. David (WA0DVU) made a motion that we form a committee to review the way we do our memberships. The motion was seconded by Gary (WA0BTM) and was approved with one nay vote. This committee, named below will be looking into whether computerizing our membership process and doing away with the prorating and expiring on Jan 1 is a good or bad idea. This will require a change to our by-laws, so we need all club members to review these minutes and send any questions they may have to the committee. We will be discussing this further at the June meeting with the timetable being to have revised by-laws ready to be voted on by the October meeting for approval.
- D.** Field Day is coming up next and we started discussion as to what we need to do. So far Wood's Supermarket has been approved and we have asked the county if we can use their big generator again this year. Robert (KE0AVT) has volunteered to be the planning coordinator for this event, so please volunteer and send your ideas through him.
- E.** Hamfest is next, on July 15th. This year it will be held at the Crest Ridge Secondary School which is located at 50 Hwy and 58 Hwy. You will not have any trouble finding it, right across the street from all the big green tractors for sale. We will have more room, more and better parking, more seating... and this year we will even give you extra gravy on your biscuits. We are also planning an estate sale auction at the closing of the hamfest featuring some Collins S-Line equipment and a very nice D-104 microphone along with some other nice equipment. This is going

to be a good hamfest! Contact Ken (KO9R) for information and you can purchase tables either by mail or on our website, at <http://waarci.org/events/hamfest/>

- F. We discussed the dues that we owe to the MO-KAN Council of clubs. They are wanting \$0.30c per member as of Jan 1 as dues to belong to the group. We agreed that this was right in line with what we originally paid to belong to the group and these dues were not going to be that much, and Rick (KB0VZP) did a quick calculation that it will come to less than \$20. Cary (KB0HV) will forward the bill to Rick.

VIII. Fund Raising: Nothing going at this time

IX. 2017 Committees

WAARCI does not have standing committees.

All 2017 Committees will be formed on an as need basis at a regular meeting.

- Repeater Committee – **Ken (KO9R) Chairman**, Rick (KB0VZP), Cary (KB0HV), Larry (W9XE), Jack (K0BI), Robert (KE0AVT), Walter (KE0CLH)
- By-Law Review Committee – **Larry (W9XE) Chairman**, David (WA0DVU), Katie (W0KTE), Cary (KB0HV), Jack (K0BI), Rick (KB0VZP), Keith (N0VJ), Walter (KE0CLH)
- Field Day Committee – **Robert (KE0AVT) Chairman**, Cary (KB0HV), Rick (KB0VZP), Walter (KE0CLH)
- Hamfest Committee – **Ken (KO9R) Chairman**, Cary (KB0HV), Rick (KB0VZP), Joyce (W0JAF), Frances (KC0TFR), Walter (KE0CLH)

Board Members:

- Cary Altman KB0HV
- Walter Cooley KE0CLH
- Rick Ebbesen KB0VZP
- Keith Raihala N0VJ

X. Club Drawings and Donations:

- A. Utility fund – The jar went around the room and gathered \$30.00 toward our utility bills
- B. 50/50 drawing -- Katie (W0KTE) won the \$27.00 pot again this month and immediately donated her portion of the winnings back to the club tower fund.

XI. Net Sign-ups:

- A. WAARCI Net Sunday Nights on 146.880 at 8:30 p.m.
1. 14th of May Rick (KB0VZP)
 2. 21st of May Cary (KB0HV)
 3. 28th of May Walter (KE0CLH)
 4. 4th of June Ken (KO9R)

- XII. Adjourn:** A motion was made to adjourn by Frances (KC0TFR) and it was seconded by David (WA0DVU). One lone guy wanted the meeting to continue on, but he was voted down. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35pm

Next Club Meeting – Saturday, June 10th at 09:00 at the EMA. Board meeting May 31st at 1800 at the EMA office

Respectfully submitted by Cary Altman, KB0HV, WAARCI President / PIO

Attendance Roster for the May 13th General meeting:

CALLSIGN	NAME	CLUB MEMBER	ARRL MEMBER
KBOVZP	Rick	Y	Y
KBOHV	Cary	Y	N
KEOJBB	Rodney	N	N
KEOCLH	Walter	Y	Y
WOKTE	Katie	Y	LIFE
WAODVU	David	Y	N
	Pam Lund	N	N
WAOBTM	Gary	Y	N
KCOTFR	Frances	Y	N
	Audra Cool	N	N
	Eric Cool	N	N
WOWFX	Jeff	Y	Y
KOBI	Jack	Y	Y
W9XE	Larry	Y	LIFE
KEOAVT	Robert	Y	N