



WARRENSBURG AREA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES – Nov. 11th 2017

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

Introductions were made, 18 members present

- I. **Secretaries Report** – Meeting minutes had been passed out to the membership during the meeting. Larry (W9XE) made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Ken (KO9R) and approved by the membership.
- II. **Treasurer's report** was submitted by Rick (KB0VZP). Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Aaron (KE0NIH) and seconded by Ken, approved by the membership.
- III. **Elections:**
 - a. For President, nominations were opened and hearing no new nominations either from the floor or US Mail the vote was conducted. The vote counting committee reported after counting votes from the membership and from US Mail, Cary (KBØHV) won. For Secretary, congratulations go to Eric (KEØNID). As soon as nominations opened, Larry (W9XE) withdrew from the race. No other nominations were offered either by US Mail or from the floor, and a motion was passed to declare Eric the winner by acclamation. Congratulations, Eric!
- IV. **ARES:** The next ARES meeting will be held on the 19th of NOV. Rick has been working on the “mesh network” Rick also set up a security camera at the Holden tower site. The camera covers the back door, the driveway and grounds around the base of the tower. Larry remarked that you need to be careful where you do private things so you are not caught on camera. There is also a motion sensing security light that is working in the tower base area. Members encourage to join attend ARES meeting.
- V. **Repeater Committee;**
 - a. All the repeaters appear to be working. The hardline connector for the 146.880 repeater had been replaced by Rick (KB0VZP) and eliminated several adapters. The 220 and 440 repeaters are up and working for now. Thanks to Ken (N0NDP) the 6 meter repeater is working and has been accessed by an operator from the Ozarks. Ken built a 6 meter repeater using two commercial 6 meter radios and a home brew repeater controller. So for now we are all up and running.
 - b. Cary made the announcement that he was looking into starting a CW practice net on the 440 repeater. The club took an epic journey into the weeds regarding how this could be done using an FM repeater verses single sideband or raw CW. Then Jack (K0BI) Big Important ☺ idea regarding a “circuit” that can be used to make this project simple. Jack will be reporting on this project at the next meeting.
 - c. WE want to thank Rick (KB0VZP) and Robert (KE0ABT) for all the work they have been doing at the Holden sits. There was a lot of discussion regarding the project, project cost and lack of communication to the club members about the scope of the project.

Katie (W0KTE) was concerned regarding the 1200.00 figure and the initial motion regarding the disbursement of funding. Katie felt that any donation should offset the 1200.00. Katie wanted her donation to offset the 1200.00 leaving the spending limit at 1150.00. President Cary (KB0HV) remarked that approx. 700.00 had been spent and the project was almost finished making this subject a moot point. Audra (KE0NIN) thought it would be advantageous to have a building committee to keep track of and inform club members regarding building process and any plans for the future. Doug (N4RZB) said he would like to be on this committee. Cary formed the committee, Rick, Ken (KO9R) Robert (KE0ABT) Audra and Doug. They will report back at the next club meeting.

VI. Web Site UP-Dates

- a. Cary reported that he has been actively making contacts with other HAM radio related groups to have mutual links to each other's web sites and affiliations and to give access to the club calendar to key members of their organizations to add posts and add calendar entries to the WAARCI calendar. This will make the WAARCI calendar an regional informational resource.
- b. Cary fixed the web site so that all (correctly) registered members (using their call signs as their user name) are able to respond to any message that has been posted and to originate new posts and add events to the calendar. Cary reminded all correctly registered subscribers can add new information by clicking on the PLUS + icon at the top of the page.
- c. Cary reminded everyone who has registered that if they are not "properly" registered that their account has to be deleted and re-registered correctly in order to have access to all the benefits of the web page. If there is any confusion call Larry or Cary.

VII. OLD Business:

- A. The WAARCI Christmas party 9th of December at 1800- 2200 at the ABC building. Larry is not going to be at the party, but his turkey will be. Keith VJ is donating a ham. There has been a lot of new excitement regarding the Christmas party. There will be a \$10.00 gift exchange, new games and competitions so be sure to wear stable footwear. There will be several door prizes and 50/50 prize will be drawn for at the party. 150.00 was set aside for the door prize. Ken (KO9R) is the Christmas party prize chairman. WATCH our media outlets for more information regarding the "Greatest Christmas Party on Earth".
- B. Discussion regarding the A. Ralph Boxell scholarship and our need to attend the next scholarship meeting at the university. Keith (WE0G) volunteered to attend this meeting. Cary wanted to clarify Keith's membership after Keith had already submitted a letter of resignation of his life membership. After looking at the by-laws Cary determined there was currently no procedure to remove a member for any reason. There was a vote to affirm Keith's membership 17 yes and 1 no vote.
- C. Katie reminded the club to be sure to send the maintenance bill to the county regarding Lea Cemetery

VIII. NEW Business;

- a. Larry submitted needed changes to the by-laws to make it current. There was a discussion regarding why the changes had to be made. A motion was made to post the changes to the by-laws for review of the membership. A revised copy of the constitution and by-laws will be at the December meeting for signatures and ratification after the required 30 day review period.
- b. Terry (N0LAM) developed a new member welcome packet. The packet was passed around the room and there was a discussion regarding the packet. Overall the content of the packet was praised and encouraged to continue to develop this long needed project. Terry passed around a sheet to get a list of ELMERS that could be listed. IF you are interested in becoming an ELMER talk to Terry. Thank you Terry for the great work

- c. Terry (N0LAM) expressed desire that the club participate in the winter field day, 27-28th January.
- d. Cary announced that the club will be participating in the ARRL November Sweepstakes being held on the 18- 19th of Nov. at the new Holden tower site contest room.
- e. Motion was made by Terry and seconded by Robert to award Ken (N0NDP) an additional year club membership to thank him for all the work he has done on the 6 mtr repeater. Motion was passed by the membership.
- f. Ken (N0NDP) donated a box of 9 hand held radios to the club that need some repair.
- g. Discussion regarding selling old 6 cavity duplexers to the county EMA office to enhance their communication and to enhance the club general fund. The duplexers had been tested and were not able to be tuned effectively to the 2 meter frequencies but did tune well to the EMA office frequencies. They are currently installed and working with the EMA equipment. Motion was made by Aaron to sell the duplexers to the county and seconded by Larry. Motion was carried. Sale pending paperwork.
- h. Cary announced a donation of a working computer system to be used at the Holden site contest room.
- i. Boy Scout Merit Badge University, April 14th 15th our volunteers will be teaching merit badge training

IX. WAARCI Club MEETING;

- a. See you at the general club meeting on the 9th of December at 0900. Board meeting at 1800 on the 29th of November at the EMA office. Christmas party at the ABC building in Warrensburg at 1800. See Ya.

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

X. Club Drawings and Donations:

- A. 50/50 drawing totaled \$18.00 with \$9.00 won by Doug (N4RZB)
- B. Operating expenses, \$35.00 was collected

XI. Net Sign-ups:

- A. WAARCI Net Sunday nights on 146.880 at 8:30 p.m.
 - 1. 12th of Nov. Cary
 - 2. 19th of Nov. Rick
 - 3. 26th of Nov. Keith WE0G
 - 4. 3rd of Dec. Ken (K09R)

XII. Adjourn:

- A. A motion was **made** to adjourn by Doug seconded by Acclimation at 11:40

Respectfully submitted by Keith Raihala, N0VJ, Secretary NWO.