



Warrensburg Amateur Radio Club Inc.
Club Meeting Minutes Dec 10, 2011



Warrensburg Area Amateur Radio Club Minutes for Dec 10, 2011

The meeting started at 9:00 am.

Steve (KC0YEH) presided and started with introductions

Gary (WA0BTM) made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ken (KD0KOL) seconded. Motion was carried.

Keith (WE0G) read the treasurers report. Gary (WA0BTM) made a motion to accept the treasurers report as read. Ken (KD0KOL) seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

I. ARES^(R):

- a. Doug (N4RZB) ran the first Emergency Management/Healthcare Facilities net for Region A on 30 Nov., with 34 check-ins from emergency management agencies and healthcare facilities in the area. The next net will be held on Dec 14th at 10:00am. In January, the net will be held monthly
- b. There will be no ARES^(R) meeting in December, due to the holidays. The next ARES^(R) meeting will be held Jan 15th, at 4:00 pm at EMA.

II. Emergency Management Report:

- a. Gloria thanked everyone who participated with the Emergency Management/Healthcare Facilities net.

III. Announcements:

- a. Just a reminder, an anonymous donation to pay club dues is still available for any persons (under the age of 21) interested in Amateur Radio.
- b. If you have any information or ideas for the newsletter please email N2ART.
- c. Looking for ideas for post meeting presentations. If anyone has any ideas let a board member know.
- d. Keith (WE0G) has received word from Brenda, Murrel's niece, that Murrel's health has taken a turn for the worst. Keith received an email stating Brenda has placed Murrel on Hospice care. His Doctor thinks he may have liver cancer and they don't think he could make it through surgery. The doctors' estimates were "hours or weeks". She has taken him back to the home in Norfolk, NE. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Murrel and his family during this difficult time.

IV. Repeater committee:

- a. Nothing new to report. The 220 repeater is still located at Keith's (N0VJ) house. The antenna is currently about 40ft in the air and the committee is still looking for a more permanent location. The 6M repeater is still with Jack (N0SAX) in Carrollton.

V. Website committee:

- a. Nothing new to report. The ARRL Newsletters are posted to the forum. The forums are active, but we would like to see more activity.

VI. Christmas Party:

- a. The club is providing the meat (turkey, ham, and brisket from Alwells). We will have a gift exchange, Angel Tree, as well as accepting food for the Food Pantry. There will be live music this year, so if anyone can play an instrument see Keith (WE0G) for the sheet music.

VII. Inventory Committee:

- a. Keith (WE0G) held a meeting on Nov 17th. The committee is in the process of completing the inventory. Once the inventory is complete, we'll start looking into insurance cost.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Silent Key/Life member plaque – Larry (W9XE) completed the slideshow of the Silent Keys. Chris (AC0KY) made a motion to keep the Silent Key display as a digital format. Gail (N2ART) seconded the motion, motion carried. Larry updated the Silent keys on the website.
- b. The contract the club signed with Graphically Inclined was placed on hold until the club discussed tax exempt status.

IX. New Business:

- a. The next Technician Class will be Feb 18th and 25th. The test session will be Feb 25th around 1:30pm. Contact the Emergency Management Office at 660-747-2666 to sign up.



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- b. A lot of new products are using the small square barcodes. The square barcodes are found on products, all you do is take a picture of the barcode with a smartphone app and the app takes you to a website associated with the barcode. There are websites you can use to create a free barcode for anything imaginable. The club could create a barcode, then place it on our eyeball cards and Ham Fest flyers. Rick (KB0VZP) thought the club could get some of its younger members involved with creating a video of the club and Amateur Radio and link the video to our barcode.
- c. The club's tax exempt status came into question last month after some research was done to get a number for Graphically Inclined. Gail (N2ART), discovered the IRS does not recognize the club as a 501c3 organization. The club was under the idea that we were a 501c3 organization; however that is not the case. The club's Constitution states "The purpose of WAARCI is to actively promote Amateur Radio as a public service within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code". The club is a non-profit organization, but has never applied for 501c3 status through the IRS. There is a \$400 dollar fee to submit the paperwork, and no one knew at the time of discussion if there was an annual renewal fee. There are various benefits to obtaining 501c3 status. The tax exempt status not only covers club purchases, but if someone in the community would wish to present the club with a substantial monetary donation, they could claim the donation on their taxes. Another benefit of 501c3 status would be if the club decided to purchase land for a repeater site, the land would be exempt from property taxes. The club's treasure would be required to maintain receipts from any donation. Larry (W9XE) made a motion that the club submits the required paperwork for 501c3 status to the IRS. Jack (K0BI) seconded the motion; a vote was taken and passed.
- d. The repeater committee has discussed the possibility of purchasing land for a repeater site. If anyone knows of any land that is available in the Central Johnson Co area let one of the committee members know. Charter currently does not have any equipment on the tower and Sprint is looking a new technology in cell phone communications. So rumors of Charter's tower coming down (possibly within the next five years) continue to circulate has spurred the thought of the club purchasing property for a repeater site. The thought of building a club house on the land in addition to a tower was also discussed briefly. Monty (NO2CW) asked the question if the club dissolved what would happen to the property and club assets. According to the club's Constitution, if the club was to dissolve, all property and assets would be sold and all moneys donated to a charitable organization. Gloria (KC0TPB) brought up the idea of talking with the County Commissioners about the county donating land to the club for a tower. So if anyone has any thoughts or suggestions, please bring them to the attention of a repeater committee member.

- e. Brian (KD0PVV) is working on a sailboat with the intention of sailing around the world. He is working on a 26' sailboat, and asked if any club members were interested in possibly donating equipment or might know how he could get some HF equipment for his sailboat. Several members suggested he contact the major radio manufactures to see if they would be interested in sponsoring him.

X. Net Signups:

Dec 18: KC0YEH

Dec 25: KD0CAT

Jan 01: WE0G

Jan 08: KD0ILV

XII. Adjourn:

Frances (KC0TFR) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug (N4RZB) seconded, the motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.