



WAARC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2015 Washington Public Library

The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. In attendance were; Howard NN0O, Kimberly KI4TRO, Dale KD0BSL, Lynn N0XOB, Jerry KC0WWV, Bruce WB0GAG, Eugene N0WDB, Tom KE0MO, Earl N0CHN, Jane K0BKL, Gene K6DV, Craig KC0YHU, guests Bill KC8TWZ and Bob KD0SVH of the Muscatine club, and Mark AB0DX. Mark, AB0DX presided the meeting.

Minutes – The March Minutes were presented. Bruce, WB0GAG noted a correction was needed to Kevin N2AM's call at the bottom of the 1st page, 2nd to last bullet line. It was listed as N0AM. The motion to accept, with one correction noted, was made by Howard, NN0O; 2nd by Bruce, WB0GAG. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – March Treasurer's report was presented. The motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by Bruce, WB0GAG; 2nd by Howard, NN0O. Motion carried.

Ongoing Business:

- **Field Day 2015** – Mark, AB0DX reporting. Some club members visited Sunset Park before the meeting.
 - Howard and Mark visited and presented to group last month the idea of using Sunset Park.
 - Mark has initially spoke to the Chairman in charge of the parks, but needs to go before the whole park board and present where and when and what will happen for this event.
 - Discussion was had about the park and members expressed their thoughts.
 - Motion was made by Earl, N0CHN; 2nd by Jerry, KC0WWV to use Sunset Park for Field Day. Motion Passed.
 - Setup will begin on Friday the 26th. Start operating, when ready, on the 27th thru the morning of the 28th, Sunday, and start tearing down around 11 a.m.
 - Craig, KC0YHU showed the FD rules on screen and they were discussed.
- **DMRAA Hamfest this weekend** – Mark, AB0DX reminded everyone of this upcoming event in Des Moines, IA.
- **Demon Dash** – Mark, AB0DX reporting. Over one hundred walker and runner participants in the event.
 - We had 11 hams help with communications with the event. Mark thanks all the hams that helped with the event.
- **Repeater Update** – Mark, AB0DX reporting. Yaesu Fusion 2M repeater was installed and was working well and then sensitivity dropped. The VXR-7000 has been put back in place.
 - Opinion is that the receiver has failed on the repeater.
 - Discussion was had about putting the other Fusion repeater in to test it and about the needed cable replacements.
 - Scott, WR0U has donated ½ in Heliac and connectors to replace the inadequate current cable
 - Mark calls for a motion to purchase needed cables and put into service the other Fusion repeater. More discussion on cabling was had at this point.
 - Earl, N0CHN makes the motion to buy and install the cables. Kimberly, KI4RTO 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
 - Cables will be purchased and installed along with the Heliac. The 2nd repeater will be put into service and the 1st one sent back for repair.

- **ARRL EC-001 Emergency Communications Class** – Mark, AB0DX reporting. The class scheduled for April 24th – 26th has been canceled. Only one signed up for the course.
- **Dates for work on Communication Trailer** – Mark, AB0DX reporting.
 - Trailer is inside at Earl, N0CHN's place. Earl has saws and other equipment to work on the trailer.
 - April 25th, Mark is planning on being at Earls, for the day, working on the trailer. 1st work to be done is to get the roof fixed. Then work on the inside of the trailer.
 - May 2nd is the next scheduled work day.
 - May 9th after VE Exam and lunch, head to Earls for work. Then May 23rd will be an all-day work day on the trailer.
 - Side note, Ridiculous Day is June 6th. Mark has been contacted and asked to have a demonstration booth again for Amateur Radio. Everyone make plans to help out if can.
 - June 20th is the next scheduled work day.
- **Robin Priestley, KD0NJP** – Mark, AB0DX reporting. Robin contacted Mark and is moving and has his equipment for sale. Mark will send out an email listing the equipment and contact information.
- **Ongoing Business from the floor** – None.

New Business:

- **2015 Southeast Iowa Hamfest** – Mark, AB0DX reporting. Bill, KC8TWZ and Bob, KD0SVH are here from Muscatine with a report.
 - Bob contacted Tom, N0LOH and Tom is to bring over some hamfest material to Bob. Bob also contacted the Muscatine County Fairgrounds and they have rented out the building; thinking we were not going to host our event this year.
 - Fairgrounds Board is meeting soon and we may get the building if other party does not come thru on the rental.
 - Discussion was had on using different locations for the hamfest; the Grandstands or High School Gym or other Fairground buildings. And the possibility of moving the hamfest to a different date.
 - For any changes WAARC needs to be involved on the decisions. Bob will keep us posted.
 - The Muscatine website and hamfest webpage have been canceled. WAARC's website, via Bruce - WB0GAG, to pick up displaying the hamfest information.

New Business from the floor – Earl, N0CHN wants to sell to the club the 5 pieces of club apparel he has; for \$60 dollars. Lynn, N0XOB makes motion to buy apparel; Bruce, WB0GAG 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Next Meeting – will be May 21st @ 7:00 p.m. Location: Washington Public Library, 115 W Washington St., Washington, IA. - *Food* – Frontier Family Restaurant – 112 N Iowa Ave at 5:30 p.m.

Tonight's Program – Craig, KC0YHU to present a video from Ham Nation. Video canceled due to time.

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Lynn, N0XOB; 2nd by Howard, NN00. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Craig Rose KC0YHU
 Secretary, Treasurer WAARC