



WAARC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2015 Faith Baptist Church

The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were; Craig KC0YHU, Gene K6DV, Tom KE0MO, Earl N0CHN, Craig KE0CSP, Jane K0BKL, Eugene N0WDB, Paul AD0KQ, Kevin AD0CI, Ben KD0RUU, Mark AB0DX, Howard NN0O, and Lee KD0IF. Mark, AB0DX presided the meeting.

Minutes – The December Minutes were presented. The motion to accept as presented was made by Ben, KD0RUU; 2nd by Howard, NN0O. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – December Treasurer's report was presented.

- Craig, KC0YHU; submitted a bill for postage stamps he purchased. Amount was \$10.00.
- Earl, N0CHN; made the motion to “reimburse \$10.00 to Craig”. 2nd by Howard, NN0O. Motion carried.
- The motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by Craig, KE0CSP; 2nd by Earl, N0CHN. Motion carried.

Ongoing Business:

- **VE Licensing Exam** – Mark, AB0DX reporting.
 - 6 VE's were there to help out; thanks to the VE's for coming.
 - 5 persons showed up to test. All 5 passed.
 - 2 of them fell under the new rule in which the FCC now offers partial credit for expired General, Advanced or Extra Amateur Radio licenses. A license that has expired and gone beyond the two year grace period will be canceled in the FCC system. The licensee will not automatically qualify for a new license. At a minimum, previous license holders must take the current 35-question Technician exam at a VE exam session to return to Amateur Radio. The FCC will issue a new call sign and a new license when the Technician exam is passed.
 - Mark, AB0DX; congratulates Craig Morrison on passing his Technician exam this last weekend.
- **Face Book Page** – Craig Morrison, KE0CSP reporting.
 - Craig explains the site is open to the public. You can see upcoming events on the site.
 - Website was shown on the screen and the link to it is:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Washington-Area-Amateur-Radio-Club/1591565907733934>
 - Send Craig any suggestions and ideas for the site.
- **Update UHF repeater** – Mark, AB0DX reporting. It is back on the air. Mark would like to hear back some reports on its range and audio.
 - The club has a new tunable antenna to install for the UHF repeater. Looking to install it this spring after weather warms up.
- **Club Dues** – Mark, AB0DX reminds everyone; if you have not paid yet for 2015, see Craig, KC0YHU. Club dues are still only \$12 a person.
- **Club Apparel** – Mark, AB0DX mentions that Earl, N0CHN has some coats coming with the club logo and that we have new shirts, hats for sale here on the table. Items are sold at basically cost.

- **Bank Account** – When Mark, AB0DX had contacted bank about the incorrect charge, the bank suggested a new account for us; an interest bearing one for non-profits.
 - Club Officers talked about the new account and we looked at our transactions over the last few years and this change will be a benefit to the club.
 - We have instituted the change and our accounting will reflect this starting next month.

- **Winter Field Day** – Mark, AB0DX reporting. WFD is a week from this Saturday January 24th & 25th in Marr Park. Contest runs 11:00 AM Saturday to 11:00 AM Sunday. Setup to start 8:00 AM Saturday.
 - Mark and Craig, KC0YHU spoke about the logging software and Craig performed a demonstration on N3FJP's new logging program for WFD.
 - Equipment we will have; the club's 2 Kenwood radios, Marks to go-box, Kevin, AD0CI's radio, Craig's radio and if anyone else wishes to bring one, it can be accommodated. Antenna's – club's hustler vertical, one untested vertical from Don Zwicky - SK, the Comet vertical, Mark's screwdriver on his van, some wire antennas and Craig's Hamsticks, either on the truck or Hamstick dipole. Kevin will bring the trailer with the hubs and coax on it to use.
 - Craig reports that we will have 7 pc's there. 6 to be setup for station use and one spare hopefully. Several club members are bringing keyboards, mice and LCD's along with what Craig brings.
 - If the weather would look bad, check the repeater and your email for an update as to how our plans may change for the event.
 - Food: power available for crockpots. Feel free to bring items like you have in the past. Snacks, pop, water is always welcome. The club will provide some food and ice also.
 - 11 AM Sunday is teardown. It helps to have all hands on deck to help during this time.

- **Ongoing Business from the floor** – None.

New Business: - None.

- **New Business from the floor** – None.

Next Meeting – will be February 19th @ 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 – None. Annual General Meeting to be held next.

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Earl, N0CHN; 2nd by Kevin, AD0CI. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Craig Rose KC0YHU
 Secretary, Treasurer WAARC