

WAARC Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2017

In attendance were: Mark - AB0DX (president), Howard - NN0O (vice-president), Rita, Craig - KE0CSP, Earl - N0CHN, Clark - KD0SXG, Bruce - WB0GAG, Jon - KB0VK, Bob - KD0SVH, Bill - KC8TWZ, Tom - KE0MO, Scott - N0MRZ, and Steve - KE0JVV.

Meeting was called to order by Mark - AB0DX at 7:00 pm.

HAMFEST UPDATE.

- ❖ Members from the Muscatine Amateur Radio Club (MARC) were present to make proposals for next year's hamfest. Bob - KD0SVH brought up several proposals.
 - He proposed raising the gate fee, made suggestions for the price of indoor tables, and brought a draft copy of the fliers for additions or corrections. He would also like to have cards (business card size) to hand out at other hamfests.
 - After some discussion on each of these items, Scott - N0MRZ made the motion that we raise the gate fees from \$7.00 to \$8.00 next year.
 - Motion was seconded by Earl - N0CHN. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Scott - N0MRZ made the motion to charge returning commercial vendors half price per table, and charge new commercial vendors full price per table with the option of a rate of half price per table if they register at least 30 days in advance of the hamfest. All other tables would be charged full price per table.
 - 🇺🇸 Bruce - WB0GAG seconded the motion.
 - 🇺🇸 The motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ There was some discussion about giving a Baofeng radio to anyone who took the Technician Class Test and passed it at the hamfest. The suggestion was postponed for a later date. Several said that they would probably do that on their own. There was no need for a motion on this issue.
- ❖ Bob - KD0SVH announced that he was stepping down as hamfest coordinator, and will be replaced by Scott - N0MRZ. Thanks, Bob, for a job well done.
- ❖ Scott - N0MRZ expressed some ideas for changes to future hamfests.
 - Some of the ideas he suggested were: to extend the hamfest hours from 1:00 to 2:00; have a contest for the best "go-box"; have several forums, such as on hf digital communication, having a QSL card checker present; and bringing the Emergency Communications trailer for display.
- ❖ Bob - KD0SVH made a motion that any member of either host club be able to get an indoor table for half price.
 - Scott - N0MRZ seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed.

MINUTES

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes for the September meeting, so they stand as presented.

TREASURERS REPORT

There were no additions or corrections to the treasurer's report, so they stand as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark - AB0DX did some checking on possible dates, locations, and menus for our annual Christmas party. His suggestion is to have it at the Halcyon House Bistro. The only open dates are on December 8 and 29. He also brought several possible menus as part of the package.

Howard - NN00 made the motion that we make December 8 as the date for our Christmas party. Motion was seconded by Steve - KE0JV. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Winter Field Day is scheduled for the weekend of January 27. Mark - AB0DX contacted the fair board about having Winter Field Day there again. He asked about using the 4-H meeting room again, and the large grassy area for setting up antennae. To date, he has had no response from the fair board. He would like to use our Comm. Trailer this year and also use our new generator for the first time.

Proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws were presented to the club membership at the September meeting with a vote to take place at our October meeting. Said vote was taken, and the vote was unanimous in favor of the changes. Further information will be forthcoming.

Mark - AB0DX announced that the National Weather Service in the Quad Cities will be having an open house at their new facility this Saturday, October 21, from 2 - 6 pm. Anyone who wishes to go see this new facility can feel free to go.

Earl - N0CHN sent in a new order for club caps, and they should be available at our next meeting.

The next VE exam session will be held on November 11, and that will be at the Faith Baptist Church. Our next club meeting will be at the Washington Public Library on November 16.

ADJOURNMENT

Earl - N0CHN made the motion to have the meeting adjourn. Motion was seconded by Tom - KE0MO. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.