

WAARC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2016 Washington Public Library

The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. In attendance were: Mark AB0DX, Howard NN0O, Craig KC0YHU, Earl N0CHN, Jane K0BKL, Lynn N0XOB, Kimberly KI4TRO, and Paul Hoffmeister AD0KQ. Mark, AB0DX presided over the meeting.

Minutes

- March Minutes were presented. Minutes stand approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

- March Treasurer's report was presented.
- Treasurer's report stands approved as presented.
- Craig KC0YHU asked for bills to be presented. There were none.

Ongoing Business

Repeater Update

- Internet providers have been changed for Echolink node.
- Server end is likely the problem for time outs
- Mark AB0DX suggested connecting to other modes before retrying our repeater to fix issues when they arise.
- Mark AB0DX has adjusted timer.
- Both repeaters are working well.
- 700 Repeater for Davenport is now Fusion Machine
 - Mark AB0DX will send out email with new tone.
- Weather stations depend on .880 Davenport repeater.
- John Kauble's Repeater in Iowa City has new tone.
 - Mark AB0DX will send an email with information about new frequency.
 - John has raised the antenna.

Communication Trailer Update

- Howard NN0O, Bruce WB0GAG, Jerry, and Mark AB0DX were working on it a couple weekends ago.
- Purchased a parallel kit for Honda Generators.
- Has AMP meter.
- Will be one service panel for everything, except heat.
- AC will be able to be switched between panels.
- Refrigerator and AC run together may create surge.
- Will wait on large generator.
- We have 2 smaller generators, which work well.
- Steve will hopefully start electrical work soon.
- Mark AB0DX will be working on sliders
- 2 holes in floor from plumbing are now enclosed.
- Floor is rotten will need cut out, and repaired.
- Mark AB0DX has gotten new lighting for trailer.
- Mark AB0DX ordered grab bar for door.

- 2 wheel stabilizer jacks to lock wheels, and stabilize trailer while people are in it have been bought.
- Mark AB0DX has found new lock and keys for \$20 online.
- Windows have been sealed.
- Work day this Saturday after Demon Dash and lunch.
- Mark AB0DX asked for several volunteers as many hands make light work.
- Mark AB0DX asked if there were any questions: none

Demon Dash

- Will be held Saturday, April 23 at 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM at Washington High School
- WAARC members meet at South entrance to the high school.
- Demon Dash to follow same route as last year.
- This will follow a route passing the High School, Middle School, Lincoln Upper Elementary, and Stewart Elementary at the North end.
- WAARC has helped for the last 5 or 6 years.
- Is a fund raiser for school sport equipment.
- WAARC handles radio communications in case of emergencies during event.
- Mark AB0DX asked for questions
- Volunteers raised hands.

Field Day

- Will be held at Sunset Park on Friday, June 24th – Sunday, June 26th
- Need to put sign up on shelter that it will be used.
- Mark AB0DX to give Park Board heads up about us doing it there this year.
- Park tractor will possibly assist in set up and tear down.
- Mark AB0DX asked if anyone would like to chair this event committee.
- Lynn N0XOB offered to chair this event.

HF Antenna

- Club has purchased new Comet antenna for \$339.
- \$8.00 had to be paid for shipment of oversized package.
- Hustler to be sold for \$75.00.
 - Not good on 75 band, but works better for other bands.
 - Club will give Radials to whomever purchases the hustler.

New Business:

- Mark AB0DX asked for any new business.

Screen Printing Vests

- Lynn N0XOB brought to the table the idea of screen-printing vests.
- Lynn N0XOB to check into possible screen print ideas for vests Mark AB0DX has.
 - Custom Impressions as starting point.

West Liberty Ham fest

- Craig KC0YHU spoke of seeing Bob and Bill at DMARRA Ham Fest passing out flyers.
- Tom Vavra KB8ZRL will be doing card checking per Howard NN0O.

VE Testing

- Saturday, May 14th in Nicola Stouffer Room

Next meeting

- May 19, 2016 in State Bank Room of the Washington Public Library at 7:00 PM

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Craig KC0YHU

2nd by Earl N0CHN

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Smith, KI4TRO
Secretary, WAARC