



## WAARC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2015 Washington Public Library

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The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were; Craig KC0YHU, Howard NN0O, Mark AB0DX, Gene W0HZ, Eugene N0WDB, Earl N0CHN, Jane K0BKL, Ben AB0AE, Lynn N0XOB, Kimberly KI4TRO, Rita Reasor, and guest Donna Wickenkamp. Mark, AB0DX presided the meeting.

**Minutes** – The November Minutes were presented. Minutes stand approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report** – November Treasurer's report was presented. Treasurer's report stand approved as presented.

### **Ongoing Business:**

- **Repeater Update** – Mark, AB0DX reporting. Great signal reports on both repeaters. Lynn, N0XOB is now not getting the 443.700; there may have been a band opening originally on 440 when he reported on reception before. 2 meter repeater blows him away.
  - Craig, KC0YHU reports he was able to get into both repeaters about 2 miles west of Delta but had not tried before that point today.
  - Mark is going to switch repeaters from auto/auto to auto/analog out for now.
- **Tower Trailers** – Mark, AB0DX reporting. Last month we discussed storage locations for the large trailer. One possibility was Kim, KI4TRO's place, but Earl, N0CHN has offered to store the trailer.
- **Communication Trailer Update** – Mark, AB0DX reporting. Last work day only Mark was there to work.
  - Back corner rebuilt from floor to top corner with new wood. Next is the finish the curve on the top corner and tie in ceiling braces.
  - Next step is install trim on outside of that corner and seal it up and the corner will be done.
  - We need to install a piece wood on the rear panel and on the front passenger side to close off the old access doors area and a piece where the stove vent was. These will need to be sealed also. Then trailer will be ready to pull out outside for storage.
  - Work day this Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup>, at 1 PM.
- **Johnston County ARES Meeting** – Mark, AB0DX reporting. 9 or 10 persons attended from Washington County area. Rich Bingham, WW0Q ARES Section Emergency Coordinator sent an email expressing his thanks for our attendance.
  - For weather reporting they are not getting reports coming from south of I-80. They have problems getting into our repeaters and when can get in; they do not receive any reports.
  - There was a lot of discussion as to different communication methods, which could be used, to increase communication between the areas.
  - Looks to be more communication between their group and ours.
  - Weather spotter training coming up; it should be in Washington county this year. There is also training in other counties around our area.

- **Election of Officers** – Mark, AB0DX reporting. Mark and Craig, KC0YHU explained the voting process and Craig passed out ballots.
  - Craig and Ben, AB0AE counted the ballots. 11 votes were cast. Mark read the results.
  - 2016 WAARC Officers are: President – Mark Lukins, Vice President – Howard Dantuma, Secretary – Kimberly Smith, and Treasurer – Craig Rose.
- **Ongoing Business from the floor** – Craig, KC0YHU mentions that Dues for 2016 are due and he reported on number of members that had paid so far.
  - Craig gave a report on the Communication Trailer costs and donations for this year.

### New Business:

- **Membership List Update** – Mark, AB0DX reporting. We are working on updating our membership list and please share any updated contact information with Craig. We will soon be handing out a membership list and if you wish to not have your contact information on that list, please let Craig know.
- **Winter Field Day** – Mark, AB0DX reporting. 24 hour event is the last weekend in January, the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - MARR Park Shelter #1 has been reserved. We will need participation from our club members if we wish to participate in this event this year.
  - Craig, KC0YHU gave a presentation on Winter Field Day; its history, future outlook and our current/last year scores and how we would score operating as Multi-Indoors vs Multi-Outdoors. Also was shown is the new logging software for the event.
  - Decision to participate in this event was tabled until our next meeting as the group was undecided.
- **VE Exam** – Mark, AB0DX reporting. Next VE exam is Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, State Bank Room here in the library.
- **Next Month's Meeting** – Mark, AB0DX reporting. Is January 21<sup>st</sup> and that evening we will also have, after our Club Meeting, our Annual General Meeting.
- **New Business from the floor** – None.

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

**Tonight's Program** – None was given due to time.

**Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn was made by Howard, NN00; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben, AB0AE. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Craig Rose KC0YHU  
 Secretary, Treasurer WAARC