

WAARC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2016 Washington Public Library



The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were: Craig KC0YHU, Howard NN0O, Mark AB0DX, Eugene N0WDB, Jane K0BKL, Ben AB0AE, Lynn N0XOB, Kimberly KI4TRO, Bruce WB0GAG, Kevin AD0CI, Steve KE0DRD, Rita Reasor, and Zach Laughlin. Mark, AB0DX presided over the meeting.

Minutes

The December Minutes were presented. Minutes stand approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

- December Treasurer's report was presented. Treasurer's report stands approved as presented.
- Bills presented by Earl as follows: Total \$175.40 = \$89.84 (licensing manuals) + \$85.56 (power strips for communication trailer)
Motion to accept: Craig
2nd: Ben
Bills approved
- Discussion to be sure that everyone is comfortable with the way financial and meeting notes are being sent out in order to shorten presentations at the meeting.

Ongoing Business

VE Exam

- Held two weekends prior to WAARC meeting night.
- Mark was coordinator of the VE Testing session.
- 4 new Technicians, and 1 expired Extra Class reinstated.
- Discussion: If license is expired beyond 2 years it can now be reinstated by taking and passing a technician rank test with placement back into status before license was expired.
- 2 of the new technicians are boy scouts, and 1 was the mother of boy scout.
- Mark thanked all the VEs who had made it possible through their participation.
- The VE test is every other month. Next VE testing scheduled for March 11th.

Repeater Update

- 2 new fusion dual mode repeaters are in place. Auto in: digital and Analog. Auto out: Analog FM
- Craig identified mile marker 211 on the interstate as hearing repeater clear crisp sound.
- Mark supports this stating the sensitivity is better on Fusion.

Tower trailer

- Relocated to Earl's.
- Work on communication trailer has been coming along well.
- Pictures presented of completed work with explanation of more work to complete.

- Improvements to floor, roof, and ceiling have been completed.
- Wiring is to be completed next including electrical outlets, lighting, generator, windows, counters, heaters, operation stations, and flooring.
- Jane will complete curtains for trailer.
- Discussion as to use halogens or LED light bulbs with topics of carrying heat load, and radio interference.
- Steve will look into appropriate lighting, and a follow up budget to coincide.
- Mark presented carpet and flooring samples.
- Next Workday is scheduled for February 13th.
- Trailer anticipation completion date is by Field Day, last weekend in June.

Update on ARES meeting

- It is a work in progress.
- March 17th Weather Spotting Class at Washington County Fair Grounds at the extension office. Must attend a class every 3 years for certification, once per year is recommended.

Winter Field Day

- 1/30/16 to 1/31/16 from 11am to 11am at Marr Park.
- Bring food to share.
- Craig presented rules.
- Discussion to cover bases: antennas, computers, and other radio equipment.
- Will be multi indoor operating station.
- Mark stated we are a general-purpose club this is a training exercise, and reach out to the public.

New Business:

- Next Meeting – possibly on February 16th.
- Food/Social time – Frontier Family Restaurant, 112 N Iowa Ave at 5:30 p.m.
- Tonight's Program – None was given due to the annual budget meeting.
- Craig giving cans away.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Ben, AB0AE

2nd by Kevin, AD0CI

Meeting adjourned at 9:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kimberly Smith, KI4TRO
 Secretary, WAARC