

## WAARC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2015 Washington Public Library

The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. In attendance were: Howard NN00, Eugene NOWDB, Kimberly KI4TRO, Jane K0BKL, Gene K6DV, Earl N0CHN. Howard NN00 presided the meeting.

Minutes: The June minutes were presented. Motion to accept as presented was made by Kimberly KI4TRO; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Earl N0CHN. Unanimous approval, motion carried.

Treasurer's report: June treasurer's report was presented. The motion to accept the report was made by Jane K0BKL, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kimberly KI4TRO. Motion carried unanimously. Howard NN00 has a bill to present for 2 extension cords for \$40.60 from Walmart. He will give the receipt to the treasurer the next time they meet.

Communications trailer update: Mark, Howard, Earl and Kevin were there last work day. Howard announced a "thank you" from Mark for the work done. Howard showed pictures from the work day. Work that needs to be done soon include fixing the bathroom floor, repairing the corner, installing the A/C and vent. Then the roof can be sealed, and then we should be able to pull it out of Earl's garage.

VE exam: Testing was held last Saturday. As a result we have a new Tech, and a Tech upgraded to General.

Repeater update: New 70 cm frequency has been unofficially approved for 443.700 (448.700). Mark has been talking to Jim at Exline about the purchase of new duplexers. New coax and antenna are on the agenda to replace. Mark hopes the new repeater will be up and running by next meeting.

The 2 meter machine: Mark is calling for a work day at the repeater sight on Saturday at 1 pm. He could use some help then. He would also like someone to listen to give signal reports. Hopefully Earl and Jane could help with that. Howard will be in Wisconsin Saturday, so we need to get the word out for the need of help at the repeater site. Earl suggested messages on EchoLink, email and internet to call for help.

Flying Pigs: Race will be Saturday, Aug 1. Hams should show up at 7 am at 110 S. Iowa Ave INSIDE the building so assignments can be handed out. The race starts at 8 am. Things to bring: 2 meter radio (and spare battery), pen or pencil and a lawn chair. If you have a Flying Pigs shirt, bring it, OR Mark has safety vests. Those who can help are Mark, Craig, Barb, Earl, Howard, Jane. Probable help is Gene, Eugene, and Jane. With no one else at the meeting, it is not sure who else can help. Maps of the route were handed out, but assignments will be given out race day. Howard suggested EchoLink, emails and internet be used to ask for additional help.

Picnic: Since we did not have field day, Mark is asking if we would like to have a picnic/portable ops day. Check your calendar to see IF we want to do this, WHEN, and WHERE we could do this. Let Mark know what your desire is for this.

Hamfest update: No one from Muscatine showed up. We will need to double up on them to get needed information.

Cedar Valley ARC Hamfest: The hamfest will be held Sunday, Aug 2 (day after flying pigs) at Teamsters Hall in Cedar Rapids. Howard listed some of the events to be held there, and he gave directions how to get there.

W6IR news story: Howard handed out copies of the newspaper article that appeared in the Kalona newspaper. It was an interesting article.

There was no other business for tonight, and said that the next meeting will be Aug 20<sup>th</sup> at the Washington Library. Howard entertained motion to adjourn. Motion made by Gene K6DV, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jane K0BKL, motion carried at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Smith – KI4TRO