



## WAARC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2014 Faith Baptist Church

The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. In attendance were; Howard NN0O, Jane K0BKL, Gene K6DV, Eugene N0WDB, Earl N0CHN, Mark AB0DX, Craig KC0YHU and Lee KD0IF. The meeting was presided by Mark, AB0DX.

**Minutes** – May 2014 minutes were presented and approved. A motion was made to accept by Earl, N0CHN; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Howard, NN0O. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report** – The May 2014 Treasurer's report was presented and approved along with a Communication Trailer expense report given by Craig, KC0YHU. Motion to accept was made by Howard, NN0O; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jane, K0BKL. Motion passed.

### Ongoing Business:

- **Communication Trailer** – Mark, AB0DX; Latest activity has been acquiring the connectors for the pass-thru's. Due to antenna parties, events, and everyday life; time has not allowed work to be done on the trailer. As such; we will not have the trailer at Field Day. We will use the shelter at Marr Park for Field Day. Work on the trailer to pick back up after Field Day, as allowed.
- **VE session** – Mark; brought up discussion to move the VE session to either July 5<sup>th</sup> or July 19<sup>th</sup>, due to conflicts. Group decided to move it to July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **Hamfest** – Mark; Tom N0LOH is back and will be the Hamfest coordinator. We are looking to have Tom come over in July and update us on the Hamfest plans and to answer questions.
- **Antenna Party** – Mark; Several persons spent the whole day, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at Don KD0WGB's place in Lamont, IA installing a tower, antennas, coax, and soldering connections. Don also made donations to the club of new and used equipment.
  - Donated items included a Cushcraft MA5B beam, Alpha Delta 80/40 M dipole, (2) Gap Quick-Tilt-G ground mounts, Comet CHA-250B vertical, (2) 100ft lengths of Cable X-Perts direct burial coax (similar to RG8/U), (2) Rohn 20 tower sections: Top and center section, and a Little Tarheel II screwdriver antenna after it is rebuilt.
  - Discussion was had as to what to do with the donated items; sell at a Hamfest or keep and use.
  - One suggestion was since in the past we have made our own verticals, some items could be sold and a remote auto tuner could be purchased.
  - For now keep the Alpha Delta 80/40 M dipole, Comet CHA-250B vertical and Little Tarheel II screwdriver antenna.
  - Earl has the coax from the last hamfest. He has gone through it, checked it out and rolled up the different sections and it is ready to sell.
  - Side discussion was had on mounting of aluminum box and large generator on the trailer.
  - Sell the Cushcraft MA5B beam, (2) 100ft lengths coax – officers to decide price, (2) Rohn tower sections: 9ft top section 45-50 bucks, other section, what we can get.
  - Cushcraft MA5B beam; Sealed bid auction to members, \$300 minimum bid, or buy it now for \$375.00 with 90ft coax included with one new end needed to be installed.

- **Ridiculous Days** – Mark; a quick rap up. It was Washington’s 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we were asked to do communications for a duathlon. Everything went well. Everyone was appreciative of us helping. Usually, for Ridiculous Days, we setup a ham radio demo in the square passing out information about the club and demoing radios, but this year it was rained out. We were fortunate to get the event done before the storm.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Antenna party** – Mark reports on work done at Ben KD0RUU’s QTH; we removed a short dual band vertical and coax and installed a larger dual band vertical and coax to allow Ben better access to WAARC’s repeater. Ben provided a really good meal; baby back ribs, dessert, etc. and no one went home hungry. Ben donated the short dual band vertical, coax and a HP desktop computer to the club. The donated antenna was used, on a tripod, at Ridiculous Days for communication.
- **Field Day** – Mark; is June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>; setup to start on Friday morning on the 27<sup>th</sup> in Marr Park: Time 8:00 AM.
  - Field Day shirts are in. Feel free to wear them anytime to promote Field Day.
  - We would like to get the tower/trailers down to the park early in the morning to lay out the rotor cable; which limits us to how far apart the trailers can be spaced. Kevin AD0CI is bringing the trailers down.
  - Earl suggested getting and is going to check into extensions for the rotor cable. At least 25ft long x 2.
  - Gift cards; Earl received from Hy-Vee a \$25 gift card and from Walmart he secured a \$50 gift card, yet to be picked-up.
  - Saturday: Everyone please show up about 8:00 AM on Saturday to finish setup; we will operate starting Saturday at 1:00 PM to 1:00 PM Sunday.
  - Tear down to begin at 1:00 PM Sunday to finish.
  - Craig KC0YHU needs to update software on all pc’s being used for Field Day. If you did not bring the pc tonight, please have it there on Friday for setup.
  - Earl N0CHN donated a Dell Laptop to the Club. It will be used at Field Day.
  - In case of Bad Weather; we will disconnect radios, antennas, etc., move away from equipment and take a break. Everyone, Stay Safe.
  - What to do if can’t use trailers due to soft ground or bad weather to start. We can use wire dipoles and verticals antennas, plus, vertical antennas on mobiles.
  - Craig is to bring the 10, 15, and 20 Meter bandpass filters.
  - Bring a pair of work gloves to use. And use the hard hats that are provided.

**New Business:**

- *No new business*

**Next Meeting** – will be July 17th @ 7:00 p.m. Location: Washington Public Library, 111 W Washington St, Washington, IA.

*Food* – Frontier Family Restaurant – 112 N Iowa Ave at 5:30 p.m.

**Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn was made by Earl, N0CHN; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eugene, N0WDB. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Craig Rose KC0YHU  
 Secretary, Treasurer WAARC