



## WAARC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2015 Faith Baptist Church

The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. In attendance were; Mark AB0DX, Rita Reasor, Lynn N0XOB, Ben AB0AE, Earl N0CHN, Kevin AD0CI, Howard NN0O, Eugene N0WDB, Tom KE0MO, Craig KC0YHU, Kimberly KI4TRO, Jane K0BKL and guest Eric Crawford. Mark, AB0DX presided the meeting.

**Minutes** – The May Minutes were presented. The motion to accept as presented was made by Rita Reasor; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben, AB0AE. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – May Treasurer's report was presented. The motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by Kimberly, KI4TRO; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Howard, NN0O. Motion carried.

### **Ongoing Business:**

- **Ridiculous Day** – Mark, AB0DX reporting.
  - A Shelter with VHF and HF radios was setup running SSB, PSK31 and FM.
  - Mark setup a laptop running a presentation to watch for those who do not have a ham or radio background. Several persons stopped sat down and watched the presentation.
  - Mark also setup a literature table with flyers, ARRL literature, comic books and information about our club for those interested to take.
  - The weather was great. The food was great and the event was a positive experience.
  - Thanks to everyone who helped setup, teardown and man the booth.
- **Repeater Update** – Mark, AB0DX reporting on the 2 meter and 70 cm repeaters.
  - We have applied for a coordinated frequency for our 440 repeater and have selected several frequencies that would work for us. We are waiting to hear back on our assigned frequency.
  - New high quality cables will be installed soon to interface the 2 meter repeater to the amplifier and duplexer and we will be testing the System Fusion Repeater to see if the receive issue is still there.
- **Monday Night Net** – Mark, AB0DX reporting.
  - Mark is calling the net by Echolink using RF into the Perry Repeater. The HARC repeater in Perry, IA and Washington's repeater are being linked together for the net.
  - Please leave delay time; both when the connection is dropped before keying up and after keying up, pause before speaking to allow the links to come up.
  - Mark may try connecting direct to the Washington repeater via Echolink if he can find a good Wi-Fi link in Perry.
- **Communication Trailer Update** – Mark, AB0DX reporting.
  - During the last work day it was determined that a Window A/C unit would not work. A Rooftop unit was found for a reasonable cost and some club members indicated they would contribute towards the cost of buying one. The Rooftop A/C unit was purchased.
  - A collection was taken up, towards the purchase of the unit, during the meeting.
  - Next scheduled work day is June 20<sup>th</sup>. Time scheduled to work; 1:00 PM to 4 or 5:00 PM.

- **Field Day 2015 Update** – Mark, AB0DX reporting.
  - To be held at Sunset Park Shelter, Washington, IA. Setup to begin at 10:00 AM at the park. Plan is to bring the trailers over and do the basic setup of equipment during the day. And finish setting up starting at 8:00 AM Saturday.
  - Please bring food to share; snacks, crockpots, drink, etc. like you have brought in the past. The club will provide one meal; typically pizza Saturday evening and donuts on Sunday morning.
  - Campers can park along the curb for the duration of the event.
  - Craig, KC0YHU elaborated on the radio and logging computer setup and what will be brought.
  - We will be operating from 18:00 UTC (1:00 PM) Saturday and start tearing down around 11:00 AM Sunday.
  - The Club needs to purchase a couple of extension cords. Howard, NN0O will check and get 2 for now.
  - Discussion was had about what is needed for antennas and different setup of them for the weekend.
  - Mark has the generators and will bring them.
  
- **Ongoing Business from the floor** – None.

**New Business:**

- **VE Exam** – Mark, AB0DX reporting. July 11<sup>th</sup> at the Washington Public Library. Check in begins 10:00 AM. Exams begin 10:30 AM.
  
- **New Business from the floor** – Kimberly, KI4TRO has a tub full of tarps that can be used for the Hamfest and Field Day.

**Next Meeting** – will be July 16th @ 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** – Was not presented due to lack of video equipment and room setup.

**Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn was made by Ben, AB0AE; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Howard, NN0O. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Craig Rose KC0YHU  
 Secretary, Treasurer WAARC