



WAARC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March, 20, 2014 Washington Public Library

The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.; a later starting time due to the program which was shown at 7 PM. In attendance were; Vance WA0MNA, Ben KD0RUU, Eugene N0WDB, Gene K6DV, Howard NN0O, Tom KE0MO, Earl N0CHN, Kevin AD0CI, Jane K0BKL, Mark AB0DX, and Craig KC0YHU. The meeting was presided by Mark, AB0DX.

Minutes – The minutes were presented and approved with corrections. Craig, KC0YHU; pointed out that the word Interim needed to be deleted before the word Secretary in the closing signature. A motion was made to accept by Howard, NN0O; with the one correction. 2nd by Ben, KD0RUU. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – The treasurer's report was presented and approved. The motion to accept was made by Ben, KD0RUU; 2nd by Earl, N0CHN. Motion passed.

Ongoing Business:

- **VE Exam** – Mark, AB0DX; reported about the VE Exam held two weekends ago. Of those tested we had one upgrade to Extra and one new Technician. Thanks to the VE's who were able to help with the session.

New Business:

- **New Events** – Mark, AB0DX reports:
 - Ridiculous Days this year is Saturday June 7th. Also during this time is the city's 175th celebration and they are planning to incorporate it into Ridiculous Days. In the works is a ½ marathon. BODYWRK's is spearheading this. It would start and end there in front of their business.
 - In the past we have setup a station in Central Park for demonstrations; this could be a chance to setup and do both in the park. Setup one station to do the event on the repeater and one station setup to operate on HF. When the event is finished, we stay there and continue to operate for public demonstration.
 - Event starts at 8 AM; volunteers to gather in Central Park at 7 AM.
 - Requested of us is one operator at the turn around point; we would like to have, at least, one operator stationed ½ ways through the route and several operators in the park.
 - 4 volunteered as of now; but we need a few more people.
 - Field Day is June 28th and 29th; setup to start on Friday afternoon on the 27th.
 - Shown were pictures from Marr Park Shelter that we can use for Field Day. This Shelter was used by us in 2008 for the Antenna/Picnic event. Discussion was had about the area and how we could use it. The Shelter has been reserved in case we want to use it.
 - No cost involved other than to camp overnight there.
 - Discussion was had about other areas like; Lake Daring State Park, where we once held Field Day and had an antenna/picnic one year. Craig, KC0YHU; spoke about Kalona's City Park and Kalona's Historical Park as possible places for 2015's Field Day.
 - During the Field Day discussion pictures were shown of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office's Communication Center Trailer and Tower.
 - General consensus is that we will hold Field Day in Marr Park unless we come up with better location.

- Flying Pigs 5K Run/20 MI Bike/1.5 MI Run is August 2nd. Event starts at 8 AM and we will gather at 7 AM at the BODYWRK's Fitness Center, east side of the square.
- **New RF Threat** – Mark, AB0DX; speaks about a new RF Interference threat; LED street lighting.
 - Cbr's first reported this noise when the street lights come on. It is the switching power supply in these units. Others have noticed a new noise interference but did not know where it was coming from.
 - The lights are a gradual change out; the street lights are only changed to LED's when the old ones burn out.
 - If you notice this interference please make note of where it is coming from and call it in to the appropriate company.
 - Mark also pointed out that there have been reported noise issues with some home LED lighting.
 - Craig, KC0YHU; spoke about an article, that he read, and showed it on the screen. The article pointed out RF interference from home LED lighting.
- **Camper Rebuild** – Mark, AB0DX; we have nice weather weekends coming up in which we can work on the Camper. This is more than a one person job.
 - We will work on it this weekend.
 - Our Camper will have to be moved soon to a new location; Mark has bought a camper and does not have the room to have two campers there. We need a volunteer to store it for a while.
 - Our 1st goal is to have the work done on the front of the Camper before it is moved.
 - 2nd goal is to have enough work completed to use the Camper during Field Day.

Next Meeting – will be April 17th @ 7:00 p.m. Location: Washington Public Library, Washington, IA.
Food – Frontier Family Restaurant – 112 N Iowa Ave at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin, AD0CI; 2nd by Earl, N0CHN. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Rose KC0YHU
Secretary, Treasurer WAARC