



WAARC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2014 Washington Public Library

The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. In attendance were; Howard NN0O, Jane K0BKL, Gene K6DV, Eugene N0WDB, Tom KE0MO, Earl N0CHN, Roy KB7JPL, Bruce WB0GAG, Jerry KC0WWV, Ben KD0RUU, Mark AB0DX, Craig KC0YHU, and Lee KD0IF. The meeting was presided by Mark, AB0DX.

Minutes – April 2014 minutes were presented and approved. A motion was made to accept by Bruce, WB0GAG; 2nd by Howard, NN0O. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – The April 2014 treasurer's report was presented and approved with corrections. In the Cash Flow Statement, \$94.17 was categorized to Textbooks & Manuals. It should have been in the Trailer category. Motion to accept, as corrected, was made by Ben, KD0RUU; 2nd by Earl, N0CHN. Motion passed.

Ongoing Business:

- **Hamfest Update** by Mark, AB0DX; Tom Brehmer, N0LOH; SE IA Hamfest Coordinator, former ARRL IA Section Manager, MARC member, has resigned and is leaving all positions. The Hamfest Coordinator position needs to be filled. No word has been received from Muscatine yet. Our involvement in the hamfest has had us taking care of Gate - ticket sales, helping with the PA setup, up to last year setting up the talk-in station, hosting the wiener roast, and helping with the setup and teardown. We would like to see someone from Muscatine club take the position. Mark will follow-up with the Muscatine club.
- **VE Exam** – Mark reported that last weekend, in the adjoining room, was our last VE Licensing Exam. 2 new technicians and one upgrade to General. Thanks to all VE's that were able to help out with this.
- **Communication Trailer** – Mark; we have been working on our 20ft Jayco trailer, a donation by Tom, KE0MO; converting it into a communication trailer. Mark went over pictures, shown at last month's meeting, explaining the repairs and conversion made so far.
 - Mark discussed and sought input on cabling coming into the trailer, AC, DC, Coax and Rotor. Mark spoke and passed around information about power plug he found in trailer supply catalog; a plug to mount on the side of trailer to plug the generator into to power the radios.
 - Discussion was had about the air conditioner and placement of such.
 - Mark spoke about cable connections using pass-through connectors on the side of the trailer along with rotor connections at this area also. Mark is soliciting ideas on these.
 - Mark is taking vacation next week, the 19th – 23rd and working on the trailer each day, morning thru evening. A lot of work to do; anyone welcome to come and help. Mark has most of the materials there and just needs man power to get it done.
- **KD0WGB, Donald** – Donald wants to do an antenna party on May 31st. From Washington it is about a 2 hour drive to Lamont and will be an all-day project installing tower, antennas and coax. Donald is donating a CushCraft MA-5B, Alpha-Delta 40-80 dipole, and old coax cable to the club. Lunch, drinks and snacks will be provided. Carpool to leave Mark's place early, about 7 a.m.?

- **KDORUU, Ben** – Ben wants to do an antenna party on May 24th. One antenna to take down and one to put up. Both verticals. He will provide baby back ribs and coleslaw for lunch. Meet at 9 AM at Bens, Douds, IA. Mark will get directions sent out to everyone on how to get to Ben's place in the country.
- **Ridiculous Days** – this year is Saturday June 7th. Washington City also is celebrating its 175th anniversary and they are planning to incorporate it into Ridiculous Days. In the works is a ½ marathon race. BODYWRK Fitness is spearheading this. Marathon will start and end in front of their business and will be using the trail for a good share of the marathon. Six or so operators are needed for the event.
 - Meet at BODYWRK's at 7:00 a.m., marathon starts at 8:00 a.m. Maps and positions will be given out at this time. Marathon may run about 2 ½ hours long. Plan is to operate net control inside BODYWRK Fitness, as done in the past, using the repeater.
 - When the event is finished, we plan to go across the street to the park and operate for public demonstration as we have done in past Ridiculous Days.
- **ARRL FD Merchandise** – Before members leave tonight, place your orders with Mark and pay him. Orders will be given out at next meeting. Nice t-shirts with the 100th ARRL anniversary logo on them and other merchandise can be ordered. Special shipping price for ordering 4 or more shirts can be had.
- **Field Day** – is June 28th and 29th; setup to start on Friday morning on the 27th in Marr Park.
 - Trailers are at Kevin's place and will be brought to Marr Park on Friday morning the 27th.
 - Mark to stay overnight, Friday night, to watch the equipment.
 - Craig to bring computers, several others to bring laptops to next meeting for setup of new software.
 - Mark to bring antennas and radios. We will operate 2A and it allows us to have 2 main radios, one VHF radio and the GOTA station radio.
 - If we use the trailer, the 2 HF and GOTA radios will be in the trailer. VHF radio outside.
 - Food; in past club provided brats, dogs, and everyone else brought snacks, chips etc. Everyone please bring anything and more to share with everyone. Earl to seek out gift cards, from stores, like we've done in the past.
- **SPAR Winter Field Day Report** – Craig, KC0YHU; provided statistics from our 2014 WFD event.
 - In our Category, Multi-Indoor (MI) we placed 3rd again this year with a score of 3417 vs 2013's score of 3600.
 - We made more contacts this year vs last year; 109 vs 100 but with 3 less multipliers.
 - We worked 15 out of 55 contesters that submitted entries and only had 1 duplicate this year.
 - Of the 55 submitted entries, from all categories, we were the 14th highest score vs 8th highest out of 47 entries last year, but, we did not have a CW operator this year thus losing the 3 multipliers.

New Business:

- **No New Business**

Next Meeting – will be June 19th @ 7:00 p.m. Location: Faith Baptist Church, 1220 W Madison St, Washington, IA.

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

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Howard, NN00; 2nd by Earl, N0CHN. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Craig Rose KC0YHU
 Secretary, Treasurer WAARC