



WAARC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2015 Washington Public Library

The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. In attendance were; Howard NN0O, Eugene N0WDB, Jane K0BKL, Tom KE0MO, Craig KC0YHU, Kimberly KI4TRO, guests Bob KD0SVH and Bill KC8TWZ of the Muscatine club. Howard, NN0O presided the meeting.

Minutes – Craig, KC0YHU noted that he found additional errors in the approved March Minutes. Craig makes the motion “I move to amend the approved 2015 March Minutes by, in the 2nd sentence of the Call to Order, deleting the 2nd comma after K0BKL and correcting Bruce’s Callsign to read WB0GAG.”

- The motion was 2nd by Tom, KE0MO. Motion passed unanimously.
- The April Minutes were presented. The motion to accept as presented was made by Jane, K0BKL; 2nd by Eugene, N0WDB. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – March Treasurer’s report was presented. The motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented was made by Tom, KE0MO; 2nd by Kimberly, KI4TRO. Motion carried.

Ongoing Business:

- **2015 Southeast Iowa Hamfest update** – Howard, NN0O turned the floor over to Bob KD0SVH and Bill KC8TWZ.
 - Bob reports that he is trying to contact previous vendors with not much success.
 - Bob is working on a food vendors. The vendors would be able to pull in and serve drinks and food during the hamfest.
 - The Midway building is available and we will hold the hotdog roast and VE testing there.
 - Discussion of the building we can rent, at the fairgrounds, was had. 22 tables’ looks to be what can be setup in the building. Craig KC0YHU related that 49 tables were sold in 2014.
 - Discussion on prize money took place. The consensus of the group was to have the same 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes of \$200, \$100 and \$50 respectively.
 - If we chose not to rent the fairgrounds, the Community Center is available in town. Big parking lot for tailgating and it has a kitchen. Downside; overnight camping not possible, parking is much less than the fairgrounds and it will cost \$625 for rent for the two days.
 - Discussion was had on outside tables for vendors in the band shell, costs for tables and maybe the use of tarps for weather protection.
 - Commercial Vendors will get 1st pick at the inside tables. Much discussion was had on the setup of this building that we can rent at the fairgrounds.
 - Bob recaps;
 - The prize money amount is set.
 - Bob will work on the sound system setup.
 - Indoor tables will be \$10 each. Outdoor tables, price yet to be determined, \$5-\$7 each.
 - We are waiting to hear from the fairgrounds board as to the rental cost.
 - Craig advised that once the fairgrounds board informed us of the rental cost to call Mark AB0DX and discuss that amount.
- **Communication Trailer update** – Howard, NN0O reporting. Work day this Saturday, May 23rd.
 - Change of time; we will work from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Please bring your work gloves.
 - Next scheduled work day is June 20th.

- **Ridiculous Day** – Howard, NN0O reporting. Saturday June 6th.
 - Setup will begin at 8:00 AM on the east side of the square and, of course, setup and operating is weather dependent.
 - Mark AB0DX will bring antennas, radios, power supplies, tables, brochures, etc.
 - Please bring your own chairs.

- **Repeater Update** – Howard, NN0O reporting. 2 meter and 70 cm repeaters.
 - New high quality cables are being made to interface the 2 meter repeater to the amplifier and duplexer and will be installed soon.
 - Please monitor the 443 repeater. Persons are calling for signal reports and receiving no responses.
 - The new Yaesu repeater for 70 cm has not been placed in service yet. Coordination has been applied for and we are waiting for our assigned frequencies before proceeding with additional equipment purchases and installation.

- **Field Day 2015 update** – Howard, NN0O reporting. At Sunset Park Shelter, Washington, IA.
 - Craig KC0YHU suggested setup to begin at 10:00 AM at the park.
 - Please bring food to share; snacks, crockpots, drinks, etc. The club will provide one meal; typically pizza Saturday evening and donuts on Sunday morning.
 - Craig elaborated on the radio and logging computer setup. We will be a 2 Alpha setup again and most likely forgo the VHF radio setup.
 - We will be operating from 18:00 UTC (1:00 PM) Saturday and start tearing down around 11:00 AM Sunday.
 - We will need operators. Typically we are short on overnight operators.
 - Final plans will be made at the June 18th club meeting.

- **Ongoing Business from the floor** – None.

New Business:

- No New Business.

New Business from the floor – None.

Next Meeting – will be June 18th @ 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.

Tonight's Program – Was not presented due to time.

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Tom, KE0MO; 2nd by Kimberly, KI4TRO. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Craig Rose KC0YHU
 Secretary, Treasurer WAARC