

ATTENDANCE

In attendance were Mark AB0DX, Howard NN0O, Jessie Davis, Earl N0CHN, Jane K0BKL, Barb K0ONEZ, Wayne KE0JVU, Bruce WB0GAG, Craig KC0YHU, Rita Reasor, Lynn N0XOB, Ben AB0AE, Steve KE0JVV, and Craig KE0CSP.

OPENING

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

MINUTES

There was one correction made to last month's minutes.

- Steve KE0JVV, was not present.
- Wayne KE0JVU made the motion to accept the minutes with the one correction.
- Ben AB0AE seconded the motion.
- The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report stands as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

VE Exam

There will be a VE Exam held Saturday, May 20th.

- Registration will be at 10:00AM and testing at 10:30AM

River Boat Mini Grant

The River Boat Mini Grant has been submitted.

- The deadline for submissions is in June.
- The grants will be awarded in July.
- At present, we are in a holding pattern.

Comm. Trailer

There will be a work day Saturday, May 20th in the afternoon at Mark's QTH.

- There are a few things that need to be done, which could take a couple hours to work on it.

The next work day will be Saturday, June 3rd from 9:00AM to 5:00PM at Mark's QTH.

Whoopee Days [Brighton, IA]

WAARC has discussed several options as to where to set up on Saturday, June 17th at Whoopee Days.

Brochure Stand and Field Day

It would be nice to use the Comm. Trailer as part of the booth if it is finished.

Howard NN0O will ask a friend if he can build the brochure stand in time for use at Field Day.

Lynn N0XOB gave an update on Field Day preparation.

- He showed a 29 second PSA for TV use.
- Comment was made that Field Day is more than just contesting.
 - It is a prime time to test our ability to set up in time of emergency.
 - It is also a fun time for fellowship.
 - In the storms we had Wednesday, there was a Weather spotting net set up. This too is what Field Day is all about.

NEW BUSINESS

Ridiculous Days

Ridiculous Days will be on Saturday, June 3rd.

- We usually set up a booth in Central Park to let others know about ham radio and WAARC.
 - There did not seem to be anyone interested in working in a booth.
 - Therefore, we will probably not participate.
 - Also, the weather could be a factor in our participation.

Equipment Donation

Vance, WA0MNA, wants to donate radio equipment to the club.

- We can sell the items he donates to make money for the club.
 - He wants part of the proceeds to go to the animal shelter.
- There will be more information forthcoming, describing what will be available.

ARES

Mark AB0DX is the EC for Washington County.

- Mark AB0DX announced that there is a new net on Sunday nights at 9:00 PM.
- ARES is not a part of WAARC per se, but Mark AB0DX would like to encourage members to be a part of ARES.

- There will be EmComm training sessions coming up, and they will be free.
- The severe weather on Wednesday is a good example of why ARES is needed.
- Mark AB0DX also gave out an Iowa District Map showing ARES sections, as well as the simplex frequencies for each county in the event repeaters are not available.
 - The simplex frequency for Washington County is 146.415 MHz.

DOOR PRIZE

There was a door prize of a knife awarded to Bruce WB0GAG.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Ben AB0AE.

Motion was 2nd by Wayne KE0JVU.

Motion was approved

Meeting was adjourned at 9:04PM.

Submitted by Howard NN0O

WAARC Secretary Kimberly Smith KI4TRO