

WAARC Minutes 11/18/2021,

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Mark opened the meeting at 7 pm. Minutes were presented and approved as presented.

Treasurer's report was presented, discussed and approved.

Echolink Node was destroyed by a lightning strike. Radio, computer and interface all received major damage. Repairs and new equipment is coming along and may be online in a week or so. Some of the new equipment was presented for our education.

A UPS was discussed for our com trailer. Bruce and Michael are to work on the necessary details.

Our club antenna analyzer internal battery has died. We can exchange our old analyzer for a new one for about \$400 or replace the battery for a 10 year old item. After discussion we decided to replace the old unit for a new one. Rick moved to purchase, second by Craig. Carried.

Equipment procurement: More of our miscellaneous equipment will come from an organization that collects surplus and distributes to non-profit organizations in conjunction with Muscatine and Cedar County ARES organizations.

Hamfest will focus more on demonstrations along with seminars. We are looking for ideas to set up for the next Hamfest. Daniel volunteered to demonstrate DMR set up.

Events:

ARES meeting Tuesday November 30, at the Library, 12/3 is club Christmas party at the Pizza Ranch at 5:30 PM, 12/16 is the next club meeting. February could be Washington Special Event Radio station, Dates could be February 12 on Washington Street, Washington Township, Washington Iowa, Washington County. We would operate for about 6-8 hours. This would be a training exercise for ARES members. The club agreed to plan for this activity. Mark will get this placed in the ARRL QST.

Nominations were received: President Mark, VP Steve and Bruce, Secretary Wayne, Treasurer Michael. Elections will be held next month.

Craig, moved, Steve second to adjourn. Carried.