

## WAARC Meeting Minutes: October 20, 2016

In attendance were Mark AB0DX (President), Howard NN0O (Vice President), Craig KCOYHU (Treasurer), Kimberly KI4TRO (Secretary), Hank W6IR, Steve KE0JV, Bruce WB0GAG, Jane K0BKL, Earl NOCHN, Paul AD0KQ, Ben AB0AE, Denise KE0JVW, Gene W0HZ, Tom KE0MO, and Butch KE0IHE. Mark AB0DX presided over the meeting. Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. Round table introductions were made.

### **Minutes**

Kimberly KI4TRO presented the minutes of the last meeting. Minutes stand as presented.

### **Treasurer Report**

Craig KCOYHU asked if there were bills to present.

Earl NOCHN presented bill for shirt order from Queensboro for \$173.17.

Mark, AB0DX, announced he would entertain a motion to get shirts in larger sizes

Howard, NN0O, made motion to do so

Kimberly, KI4TRO, seconded the motion

Motion carried

Earl NOCHN stated that if anyone needs larger sizes than 2x to let him know as he tries to get best deals from suppliers, but larger sizes go quickly.

Treasurer report stands as presented.

### **Old Business**

#### **SOUTHEAST IOWA HAMFEST Review**

Craig, KCOYHU, presented informational sheets

Weiner roast went well

Wristbands, fees for outside tables, and camp fees were kept separately

Expenses included first, second, and third place prizes, and camp ground fees.

A late bill of \$8.00 from HAMFEST 2015 was turned in.

HAMFEST for next year's account will start at \$1,550.00

HAMFEST TRANSACTION 2016 sheet presented

### **Statistics**

357 wristbands sold with 3 free wristbands given out

Workers did not have to pay to enter unless wanted chance at prizes

39 tables sold

Roughly same profit this year as last year

Will be looking for new food vender for next year

Mark AB0DX has spoken to vendors who are very capable.

Bruce WB0GAG noted tables worked well with set up.

Mark AB0DX stated it is important to have both Washington and Muscatine Radio Clubs involved, and informed

### **WAARC Christmas Party**

It has been decided to have catering by Janet Stepsman who has a vender truck.

Voting was conducted for menu options

#### Menu will be as follows:

Choice of Salmon or Boneless Pork Rib with the following sides:

Cheesy Potatoes, green beans with mushrooms, lettuce salad with poppy seeds, Apple Pie, ½ dozen sugar free eclairs will be split between diabetics, dinner rolls and iced tea.

Mark AB0DX will send email asking for numbers.... need to specify type of meat wanted.

Plate cost: \$18.00 per adult, children 10 and under: \$8.50

### **Repeater Update:**

New computer for Node

Computer has been changed out

Mark AB0DX stated a thank you goes to Craig KC0YHU, and Paul AD0KQ for making this happen

There is a low tone on CW after ID, which will ID over operator

Using Echo Producer

Push \*\*1 for current weather conditions: Washington weather is not available: closest weather provided is from 20 miles away.

Fusion repeater is much more sensitive with some tones being hard to hear so trying no tone on either repeater.

045 machine was breaking squelch perhaps from local interference.

Mark, AB0DX, has bumped squelch up 1 notch to help with this.

Craig, KC0YHU, stated repeater is now working well as he got in from past Oskaloosa

Repeater now reaches into downtown Kalona and Riverside. Though some dropout near Riverside.

Mark AB0DX stated if no-tone doesn't work, will look for better tone.

### **Riverboat Grant**

Need to start thinking about applying for new grant.

Have received \$10,000 from last grant, which supplied WAARC with many items.

Spring list for grant coming up.

Perhaps use grant to finish communication trailer.

Mark AB0DX stated we need to apply for grant by March.

Another good purchase would be trailer for equipment

WAARC can show we are service oriented by what we have accomplished, and events participated in.

After speaking to Riverboat commission WARRC will then go to Emergency Management Committee

Bruce WB0GAG suggested getting 1 or 2 permanent awnings on Communication Trailer.

### **New Member**

Craig KC0YHU introduced Butch KE0IHE as a new member

Steve KE0JVV and Denise KE0JVW are now Extra Class

### **Program**

8-minute video show

**Next Meeting:** November 17, 2016 in Nicholas Douglas room of Washington Public Library

Mark AB0DX entertained motion to adjourn

Motion to approve: Craig KC0YHU

2<sup>nd</sup>: Howard NN00

Meeting Adjourned: 9:26 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

WAARC Secretary

Kimberly Smith

