

Minutes of WAARC meeting – 20 Sept.2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm, Mark – ABØDX – presiding.

Those present were: Craig, KCØYHU; Ben, ABØAE; Bruce, WBØGAG; Earl, NØCHN; Bob, KDØSVH; Hank, W6IR; Rita Reasor; Jane, KØBKL; Lynn, NØXOB; Howard, NNØO; Mark, ABØDX; Paul, ADØKQ; and Denise, KEØJVW.

UPDATE ON THE WEST LIBERTY HAMFEST – presented by Bob Weatherman, KDØSVH.

4 tables are reserved for hamfest so far with \$148 collected.

Bob will be paying the rent on the fairgrounds this week, and Craig, KCØYHU, treasurer, gave him the check to pay for it. He will also make a reservation for the fairgrounds for next year's hamfest. "Everything is looking good so far".

Casey's is giving us a \$10.00 gift certificate and other goodies for door prizes. He has contacted other area businesses for similar donations.

Bob has also made contacts (especially at other hamfests) for more possible indoor vendors.

Tom Vavra will also be at West Liberty. He is the ARRL approved card checker.

D Star will have a booth with demonstrations there.

Ben, ABØAE, asked who pays the \$300 for the fairgrounds rental. Craig, KCØYHU, said that he is treasurer for the hamfest, and that money belongs to both Muscatine and Washington clubs. The money made from the hamfest is divided equally between the two clubs, and the expense operating the next year's hamfest is therefore equally expedited.

There will be "free tailgating" with a paid admission to the fairgrounds.

ARRL will have a representative there so we can renew our membership at that time. ARRL usually has a book (maybe several books) as a bonus for renewing at the hamfest. He can also answer some related questions you may have.

It was noted that there was an error in the application forms for vendors of an \$8.00 charge per table. Ben, ABØAE, made a motion that, if the \$8.00 figure was in "black and white", that is what should be charged. It was further pointed out that this was a form from last year, and the vendors were aware of the discrepancy. Also, the flyers that were sent out had the proper \$10.00 per table listed. Ben then withdrew his motion.

There was an "FYI" made that on future flyers, we need to put the "time" for VE testing on it. This year the testing begins at 9:30 AM, and no more tests will be started after 11:00 AM.

Bob was invited to come to our next meeting in October to talk about plans for next year's hamfest, and to have a copy of the flyer for next year's hamfest ready so that we can "proof" it before it is handed out at the Davenport hamfest on November 6.

There was round table discussion about what other "products" could be sold at future hamfests.

That was Bob's presentation. We thanked him for that, as he needed to get back home for the next day's activities.

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes for last month's meeting were presented. It was noted on the last page Wayne Gould's name was misspelled. It should be "Gould", not "Gold". Minutes were approved with the correction noted.

The treasurer's report was presented and approved.

The rest of the old business was for the last minute preparation for the hamfest. Mark, ABØDX noted that the money we make at the hamfest goes to pay for all our club expenses. That would include insurance on our equipment, as well as liability insurance, electricity for the repeaters, upkeep on our comm. Trailer and 2 tower trailers, etc. That is why it is so important that the hamfest be run smoothly, professionally, and responsibly.

The Washington ARC is responsible for collecting the money at the gate, set-up on Saturday, and for the VE testing (in part).

Set-up will begin at noon on Saturday, Oct. 1. The PA system needs to be put up and in working order. Bob Miltner, KBØCTS, has most of the equipment (Earl, NØCHN, has some of it at his QTH), and will be in charge of getting it up and going. He will need some help with that.

We are also in charge of the "Wiener Roast". Posted time for dinner is 6:00 PM, but we will try to be ready about 5:00 PM. We will need several items.

Baked beans -Mark will bring them

Potato salad - Mark said he would bring it.

Cakes - Jane will make them, and Howard will get it from her and take to the hamfest.

Strawberry fluff - Mark will bring it.

Crock pots with food in them - we need several of them. Please help out.

Brats, hotdogs, and the grill – Mark will bring that.

Coffee maker – we would like to get a 32 cup, and we have had problems in this area before.

Chips – Craig will bring several bags.

Macaroni salad – Howard will bring that.

Extension cords – Howard has the club's cords at home and will bring them along.
- Bruce will bring ext. cords for the vendor tables.

GATE PERSONNEL – The gate will be open to the public at 7:00 AM, but vendors and tailgaters will be allowed in at 6:00 AM.

Craig and Barb will be there from 5:30 to 11:00. (Treasurer's responsibility).

Mark will get there about 6:00.

Howard, Lynn & Jerry will be there from 7:00 – 9:00.

Hank and Paul will be there from 9:00 on.

The main hall will be locked up about 9:00 PM Saturday till about 5:00 AM Sunday. This is for vendors to set up their wares.

Repeater talk-in frequencies are 146.910 (and down, 192.8 tone), and also 146.760 (and down, no tone). The second one belongs to Jerry, KCØWWV. Also available will be 146.52 simplex.

The event will last till about 1:00 pm.

One added note, after the "Wiener Roast", we will need to clean up so that the VE testing can take place there in the morning.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

Lynn, NØXOB, is getting ready for a General class for next year. He also mentioned the possible need for a class on NIMS (National Incident Management System). It is something the government is doing more to get into everything.

Earl, NØCHN, showed some things he is donating to the club for improvements to the repeaters (Bird equipment), and for the comm. Trailer (wire and buss bars).

Earl, NØCHN, moved to close the meeting, seconded by Denise, KEØJWV. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 9:18 pm.

Howard brought a show and tell of the LPDA antenna he made. He saw an article in March (2016) QST, and modified it to include 2 meters, and also to make it vertically polarized instead of horizontally polarized. He brought the antenna analyzer to show the SWR on the finished product.

Submitted by Howard – NNØO