

WAARC Meeting Minutes 07/16/2026

Attendees: John N0JDB, Craig KC0YHU, Barb KD0NEZ, Steve KR0TZ, Jeanine N0NBR, Lloyd KB0CFD, Marshall KF0UXB, John KG5EUN, Michael W0HAF, Mark AB0DX

Visitors: Phil Szentes, Winfield; Pat Tobin, Ainsworth

Minutes: Stand as presented

Treasurer's Report:

- YMCA provided a donation for our participation at the Kewash marathon; 2x last year's donation.
- Stands as presented.

Events

- 2026 Field Day Review
 - 415 contacts compared to 246 in 2025
 - Total score (preliminary): 2,272 (1,050 bonus points)
 - Feedback discussion
 - Be considerate of Steve's time on the couch
 - A/C performance depends on people in/out
 - Plenty cold at 4 AM
 - Computers stayed up well
 - 1 disconnect at the digital station
 - Use RF chokes as needed
 - Need second pass-through plate for rotor control
 - Start using roll up tape to place tower trailers
 - Antenna clamp seized up on stainless; need to use anti-seize lube, tube located in each trailer
 - Discuss getting spare hardware for antennas: clamps, nuts, washers, etc.
- Old Threshers Update
 - Logo/likeness for QSO cards approved by CEO; needs final approval before going to print
 - Setup station outside trailer for demonstration
 - Have an operator to run radio; have a host to talk with visitors
 - Use N3FJP to log
 - Setup video inside trailer
 - Setup talk-in radio on Mt Pleasant repeater
 - Get trailer to site early in the week
 - Tickets available online
 - Multi-day pass available for >2 days
 - Discounts available with early purchase

Discussion

- Lloyd picked up the telescoping mast from Lee KD0IF; located at his QTH
 - Need to identify make/model for maintenance
 - GI Junk – Bettendorf
- Website Update
 - Meeting with Bruce WB0GAG
- W1AW portable event still going

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- www.ham-qtv.com
 - August 5-11 for Iowa
- Weekly nets
 - Still need help
 - Clayton W5CWS
 - Marshall KBOUXB
 - John KG5EUN
- New Business
 - Need a new secretary (interim)
 - Marshall KBOUXB. Thank you.
 - Iowa State Fair - Special Event Station
 - Sign-ups for individuals, groups, or clubs
 - 1 UTC day per call sign
 - 8/13-8/23
 - Mark to send out URL and organizers
 - VE Exam - August 8th
 - Next meeting - August 20th (Mark out-of-state)
 - VE Exam - September 12th
 - Picnic Potluck - October 24th (~9 AM to early afternoon)
 - Show and tell in the AM
 - Pot luck @ noon
 - Fox hunt - afternoon
 - Library reminder - see website
 - Equipment donated to club (Tim and Rose Fisher, Mt Pleasant)
 - See Mark's email
 - Keep for club? Sell to club?
 - Club members first opportunity
 - Prioritize new hams
 - Unsold items to take to Southeast Hamfest/online
 - Storage unit in town \$48/mo; 1 available
 - Cut-off time frame: 1 week
 - Tower sections to John KG5EUN
 - Sell to club members at a reasonable price; let members make offer
 - Club members first grab until 8/21
 - Post online after 8/21; need help posting
 - Hamfest October
 - Steve KR0TZ motion to adjourn; John KG5EUN seconded