



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES – May 12th, 2018

Cary (KBØHV), President, verified a quorum, then called the WAARCI General Membership meeting to order at 9:04 am. Introductions were made. There were 22 members present, and two visitors. Three of the members arrived late, and so abstained from the voting until after their arrival.

Treasurer's Report

- Table copies of the Treasurer's Report were distributed for member review. Gary (WAØBTM) made a motion to accept, Joyce (WØJAF) seconded. Vote passed 18 yes, 1 nay.
- The coins are a great success! Rick (KBØVZP) announced that as of today, we have officially paid off the initial coin investment and are now \$39.50 ahead.
- The club challenge coins are successful elsewhere, as well, as they are garnering the attention of other area radio clubs. Larry (Larry's List) and Randy Shultz (Raytown) are interested in the possibility of creating their own coins and want to hold a forum.
- Anyone interested in trying to sell some coins on their own should see Rick to sign out a batch. He will tell you when to return the money and/or any unsold coins.
- A display is in the works for the first number coins, which is to be displayed at the Holden Repeater Site upon completion.

Secretary's Report

- Meeting minutes from April were distributed for member review. A correction was presented by Frances (KCØTFR). Joyce (WØJAF) made a motion to accept the minutes, and it was seconded by Gary (WAØBTM). Minutes were accepted 18 yes, 1 nay.

ARES Report

- Cary brought up the intentional jamming/interference and briefly explained the process of trying to discover the identity of who is causing it, so that he may be reported to the FCC.

- Storm spotter training will be held during the ARES meeting on May 20th at 5:00pm. The possibility of putting a storm spotting training video on our website was also brought up, though no real discussion took place.
- During the severe weather on May 2nd, the net held by our club was appreciated and praised by the mayor and other city officials, per Cary. Ronnie (KEØLVY) asked if checking in during such an event was appropriate, especially if someone had already reported from the same area, as she was concerned of potential overlap during communications. Cary made it know that ALL check-in are welcome, as confirmation of weather from same areas only validated the information.

EMA Report

- Cary (KBØHV) now works part time at the EMA, which may create some volunteer issues, so his volunteer work could be hindered. He has suggested that the use of hand talkies as intercommunication systems will help familiarize EMA employees with the use of that equipment, and keep it instantly accessible, when an emergency situation arises
- A request was presented and approved for permission to use the EMA generator at Field Day. This is also serve as the EMA's annual field equipment test.
- Cary mentioned the increase of activity at the EMA, such as the Youth Net meetings now taking place there.

Repeater Committee

- Fusion Radios and Digital
 - DR2X has been extended to June 30, 2018.
 - Larry (W9XE) suggested that it was in the club's best interest to upgrade as soon as possible. There are two version: DR1, priced at \$300, operates at 25W, and DR2X, priced at \$500, but a much better system operating at 40W
 - Land connectors with the DCS system allows *any* repeater *anywhere* on the same code to link up
 - \$630 will be into this project when completed; Gary (WAØBTM) motioned to accept this proposal. Kristl (KEØQYM) seconded. It passed 20 in favor, 1 arg.
- Rick (KBØVZP) has written a rough draft of a letter to EnerSys requesting a battery donation.
- Maintenance requirements for Lea Cemetery and the Holden Tower Site were discussed. Lea needs summer landscaping maintenance, such as weed eating around the gravestones and fence lines, and the guest book pedestal needs repaired. At the Holden site, the old fence needs to be removed, but confirmation that the new fence is complete is necessary first.

- Kenny (KØBCF) contacted Raytown to spread the work that we are still seeking a tower climber.
- HB902 was presented, and further discussed was the importance that our legislators need to be aware of the adverse impact the passing of this bill would have on communities, most especially during emergencies and severe weather situations.

Holden Tower Site Planning Committee

- Nothing of note.

Website Committee

- The PayPal link for donations was somehow disabled, but is back to working order.
- The Youth Net Committee requested that a link for the Youth Net be added to the club website in the near future. Larry (W9XE) asked that the Facebook link be sent to him.
- Larry (W9XE) reported that the calendar has been updated, with good working links for training, the schedule of net operators, and planned events.

Field Day Committee

- Available and claimed stations for Field Day are (or will soon be) available on our Facebook page.
- There will be one (1) rig per band, or two (2) if digital & CW. We need to know the antenna limitations to assign stations. Terry (NØLAM) offered the use of a dipole. Keith (WEØG) has a dipole. John (WAØDOM) is building an antenna, but may need some help with it. Joseph (KH2JK) and his family were assigned the GOTA station.
- ARRL Field Day and WAARCI Club shirt order forms were passed around by Terry (NØLAM), and he described each: Field Day shirts, which are \$15.95, are to be ordered through the ARRL website, but the large single order will save members the shipping fee. Our Club shirts are various prices, through the popular tee-shirt is \$11.00. Other available shirts are polo shirts and hoodies. The shirts will display the WARRCI club logo on the back and member names and call signs on the front.
- Porta-potty availability has been confirmed by Robert (KEØAVT).
- Dinner on Field Day will be at 6:00pm. The club will supply the meat, and there will be donation buckets on site to help with the meat expense. Members are asked to bring another dish to “Potluck” the rest of the meal. Kenny (KBØHV) offered possibly providing “home-made” brats.

Hamfest Committee

- The Centerview School has requested a possible donation for use of the building this year in addition to the janitor's pay. Last year, we paid the janitor a bit extra. Due to this request, the board decided to only pay the required amount of \$100 to the janitor in order to make a donation to the school, also \$100. Also, we are locked in to that location for Hamfest now for two years.
- Ten (10) tables have been sold already for Hamfest. Seven (7) have been paid for so far.
- Associated Radio Supply will NOT be attending this year. However, Texas Towers will be there.
- The tables that were to be provided by Whitman AFB are no longer available. As of today, there are still 20 available from the Warrensburg armory with at least 2-3 days notice. We may still need volunteers to pick up the tables on Friday and return them the following Monday. There are 20 more available locally, and four at the Holden Site.
- With what is available, we are still in need of ten more tables. Cary (KBØHV) suggested that the club purchase the remaining ten needed, and continue to purchase ten per year until we have all we need. David (WAØDVU) so moved, Aaron (KEØNIH) seconded. Rick (KBØVZP) will research the best prices before making the final purchase.
- The price for breakfast has gone up to \$8 from \$6 the previous year to cover costs. Volunteers are still needed to assist at this breakfast as well. Anyone interested in volunteering, please see Kenny (KØBCF) so he can keep track of how many are still needed.
- The "special" raffle will be a weather station. Prices for the raffle tickets are listed on the Hamfest Flier.
- The Ham Fest VE Team is as follows: Larry (W9XE), Terry (NØLAM), Jack (NØSAX), and possibly a few members from other attending clubs
- It was decided that Kenny (KØBCF) will build a small ramp for the risky trip hazard at the entrance of the gymnasium that is to be removed when Hamfest is over.

Youth Net Committee

- The Youth Net Meeting is on May 16th at the EMA at 6:30pm. Jayden (KEØMHM) is net control that night, and we will be broadcasting from the EMA after the meeting. Davin (KEØLUC) has offered to be NCO backup, and will attend the meeting via Skype.
- The Youth Net time has been moved to 7:30pm on Wednesdays in order to clear net congestion on Sundays.
- In addition to the scheduled Youth Nets, we are going to plan a time during the week, 5pm-7pm, for a youth group time. There will be no structured script or net control. This is merely a

suggested time for the kids to monitor and CQ other youth hams in order connect with each other between nets and meetings.

- The ARRL Kids Day is June 16th from 1pm-7pm local time. The Youth members are planning a gathering and will finalize their plans at their next Youth Net Meeting.
- At the last Youth meeting, it was suggested that an Echolink connection be available on the repeater. It was made clear that at this time, Echolink presented too many issues. However, the kids are very excited to attempt making DX contacts on Kids Day, and so they are requesting that the club members consider the possibility of using the repeater for an Echolink connection ONLY during the times designated by the ARRL for Kids Day. The Youth Group was told that it MIGHT be possible on the 440.
- (If approved) Our Young Hams are requesting the assistance of anyone in the club who knows how to set up the Echolink connection.
- Phillip (KJ5ZW) interjected to announce that he would like to see future Echolink on 2 meters. Cary explained the agreement of why that is unlikely.
- It was also suggested that a table be set up at Hamfest for the Youth Members, so that they may recruit new members and get other area youths interested in ham radio. This will be discussed further at the Youth Net meeting, but anyone interested in joining this committee is invited to do so.

Old Business

- Cary (KBØHV) addressed the Veteran's Breakfast next weekend, stating that the flier was complete and has is in the process of being distributed to local newspapers and posted at area businesses. A Facebook Event was also created to help spread the word for this event, and a donation box for the upkeep of Lea Cemetery will be on site that day. Finally, a sign up sheet was passed around detailing which volunteer jobs still need filled for anyone interested in helping to volunteer for.
- The discussion of whether the club should address the issue of RF Finder charging more money was presented by Cary (KBØHV) at the April meeting, and was ultimately tabled. It remained on the table at this meeting, as Keith Haye (WEØG) was not in attendance and was going to try to get more information to present before proceeding. The AARRL Repeater Book, coordinated by third party RF Finder, is causing an uproar among repeater owners, due to the fact that this company is now charging an annual fee of \$9.99 for each repeater to be included in the listing. Eight to ten repeaters are now restricted by a single private owner unwilling to pay the fee for each repeater.

New Business

- West Central Electric Coop has initiated a “Roundup” Foundation program, in which customer bills are rounded up to the nearest dollar and the difference goes into a fund for non-profit organizations like our club. It was presented by Rick (KBØVZP) and ultimately decided by the quorum the we should find out if there are any other qualifications or stipulations for possibly receiving a donation toward our electric bill.

Club Drawings and Donations:

- 50/50 drawing totaled \$33.00, with \$16.50 won by Gary (WAØBTM).
- Operating expenses - donations totaled \$44.00

Net Sign-ups:

WAARCI Net Sunday nights on 146.880 at 8:30 p.m.

- May 13th - Kristl (KEØQYM)
- May 20th - Rick (KBØVZP)
- May 27th - Kenny (KØBCF)
- June 3rd - Cary (KBØHV)

Motion to adjourn was made by Kristl (KEØQYM), seconded by Frances (KCØTFR).
Meeting Adjourned at 11:19am

Respectfully submitted by Kenny Thompson, KØBCF, Secretary

WAARCI 2018 Committees

WAARCI Young Hams/Mentors/Youth Net –Terry, Cary, Kristl, KC, Kenny, Joseph (KH2KJ), Aaron, Sam
 Repeater – Ken, Jack, Larry, Rick, Cary, Keith, Terry, Robert, Kenny
 Website/Facebook – Larry, Cary, Terry
 Audit / 5Ø1c3 compliance - Rick, Kristl
 Grants/Charities/Fund Raising – Rick, Kristl
 Hamfest – Terry, Robert
 Field Day –Keith, Terry, Robert
 Fox Hunt -- Keith Haye
 Training – Terry, Kenny, Rick, Keith, Aaron, Robert
 Event Planning –
 Library –
 New Member welcoming committee – Terry (NØLAM), Keith
 Bylaws and Constitutional review committee –
 Tower site planning – Terry, Larry, Rick, Kenny

Board Members:

President - Cary Altman (KBØHV)

Vice President - Terry LaMack (NØLAM)
Treasurer - Rick Ebbesen (KBØVZP)
Secretary - Kenny Thompson (KØBCF)