



Warrensburg Area Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  
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## Meeting Minutes

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February 8th, 2020

Introductions

Number of members present:13      Number of visitors present:3

Meeting called to order at: 09:04

Secretary

- Kenny KØBCF noted that we need to get an updated inventory of all donated equipment what is at at the Holden site and any other location. Also any other club assets.
- Kenny KØBCF asked that from here forward committees do their work outside the meetings and only present a short run through of activities unless club vote or opinion are required. If we handle business at a board level it will condense meeting times when all business is in order for the committee by the time of the meeting.
- Kenny KØBCF also noted we need to get the bank accounts straightened out. It is necessary to remove former president Cary Altman KBØHV from the account and add the new president Kristl Thompson KR1STL to the account. Also the importance that Larry Vandivier W9XE is to be added to the VE "Volunteer Examiner" account as he should have been already . This is separate from the WAARCI account. At this time old names such as Ray Pautz who passed away several years ago should be removed.

Treasurer

- Rick KBØVZP noted the payment for maintaining the Lea cemetery was received.
- The January treasures report was presented for approval and a motion to accept the report was made by Gary WAØBTM and seconded by Frances KCØTFR. It was voted to accept with 12 yae and one nay.
- The February treasures report was also presented for approval and a motion to accept the report was made by Cary KBØHV and seconded by Joel KEØWJX. It was voted to accept with 2 yae and one nay.

## ARES Report

- Rick KBØVZP announced weather spotting class changes for this year. Classes are no longer open to the public. They are now reserved for first responders including Law Enforcement, Fire Departments, EMTs, EMA personally and volunteers and ARES members. The class will be more in-depth and include table top exercises. If you would like to attend it was requested to contact Rick KBØVZP at [jocoares@yahoo.com](mailto:jocoares@yahoo.com). The date is March 12th with the time at 7:00 pm located at the Johnson County EMA.
- Rick KBØVZP also discussed the need to speak up about the FCC trying to reallocate the 3.6 and 5 GHz frequency slots used for the AREDN mesh network. At this time the frequencies used for the mesh are in the amateur portion of the band plan. The FCC wants to sell these areas for internet service providers after amateurs have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars of their own money to create a very large emergency network including many hospitals, nursing homes and first responders.

## EMA Report

- Kristl KR1STL read through the new rules for our meetings to remain in the new EMA. Two of the big ones are lease keep it quiet as EMT personnel could be sleeping down stairs, and the parking allocations. Also any club activity in the EMA must be authorized 30 days in advance.
- Rick KBØVZP announced that final cleaning of the old EMA building is coming up. We have offered to store cots and some of their less used items at the Holden repeater site.

## Repeater Committee

- Kenny KØBCF announced he has ordered new cables for the 146.88 repeater to go between the repeater, amp and duplexer. It was determined by the repeater committee and board this should be done. They are in assembly and awaiting shipment. Hopefully this will help with some of the noise issues on the repeater.
- Rick KBØVZP mentioned the folded dipole antennas up for possible donation to the club in Oak Grove are still available and he will get pick up arranged. These antennas could possibly help generate some operating funds.
- There is a need to schedule a work day for carpet and benches in the operating room at the Holden tower site. Also open house plans per Katie WØKTE were discussed and a date of March 28th was set for an open house at the Holden tower site. This could be a fun way to familiarize every one who hasn't seen the site with what has been happening there.

## Web Site Committee

- Larry W9XE was not able to attend the meeting. It was although announced he has worked hard with Scott at QTH to remedy hacking of the website.
- Kristl KR1STL announced she did not send the scam email that looked as if she was asking for money for a charitable cause. Katie WØKTE received this email and we are not sure how many others may have. It was a scammer using improper information including using Kristl's old call sign and listing her as president. She has had her KR1STL call since long before even running for president. Rick KBØVZP mentioned he has received similar emails in the past with the sender pretending to be Cary KBØHV as president asking for funds as well. Please be cautious of any questionable emails and report them to us immediately should you receive one that you perceive as abnormal.

## Youth Net Committee

- Kenny KØBCF announced that Davin KE0LUC has lots of new ideas such as adding some video clips of net to the facebook page and also making some videos to put out there as well. He also ran the first net control from echolink and it went very well. That proves our system is working well.
- Kenny KØBCF noted that Guest Elmer night is now Thursdays following the meeting for any one who wants to be a teaching or speaking adult with the kids. Projects, practices, and amateur radio history are just a few of the endless possibilities. Also on during the net 2 weeks following Guest Elmer night will continue to be trivia during youth net. The trial trivia during a Guest Elmer night went so well he has decided to make it a regular event. Cary KBØHV mentioned he thought maybe an additional trivia night on the repeater for adults and anybody who would like to participate sounds like fun. This could be a good event for the adults and children alike.
- Kenny KØBCF also pointed out that ARRL School Club Roundup this week. Feb 10th through 14th. All contacts count and other schools are a 5x multiplier. so take time and support this event should you hear the kids calling during School Club Roundup.

## Training Committee

- Kenny KØBCF passed a paper to gather ideas for what members would like to learn and or share with the members for presentations. We need ideas for club projects if you have anything you would like to share be it information or activities. We need ideas for the new year.
- A possible technicians or general training and test date was discussed without much show of interest for doing so from the club.

## Hamfest Committee

- A Hamfest committee was formed with Kenny KØBCF and Kristl KR1STL receiving Emails and organizing tables again. A mail chimp email group will be formed with all who signed up on the list that was formed for Hamfest committee.
- Cary KBØHV mentioned that instead of cash prize raffles we do equipment raffles to draw more interest.
- It was brought up by Katie WØKTE we should have a program schedule at Hamfest so people know when drawings and such are.

## PIO NOTES

- Kristl KR1STL is working on donation letters for 2020.

## Old Business

- Field Day was brought up and it has come to our attention that our Field Day location has been sold to Piggly Wiggly. With that being said the store has also been closed leaving only a corporate contact and no general manager to talk to for consent for the event. It was discussed to have Field Day at the Holden site, which would give options of deploying from the tower as well as the portable tower. 58 Hwy carries a lot of traffic from rural areas to Holden and Warrensburg for good exposure of the event. And the building can be utilized for shade and a cool place to go to cool off besides Ricks trailer. Also mention of the cul-de-sac in the area between Aldi and the Central Dispatch office and tower was made. This could give a good exposure in the warrensburg area. A Field day committee will be formed at the next meeting.

## New Business

- The necessity to get the bylaws updated as required was discussed. Once again with no show of interest to help with the task and volunteer for the committee to do so.

## Other Outside of the Club Business

- Rick KBØVZP mentioned getting Cecill Higgins rescheduled for his ARRL program.

## Net Sign Up

1. February 9th- KBØHV
2. February 16th- WEØG
3. February 23rd- KR1STL
4. March 1st - KBØVZP
5. March 8th-KEØWJX
6. Backup(s) - KR1STL, KØBCF,

## Club Drawings and Donations

- 50/50 - Amount \$\$16.00 Won by: KCØTFR
- General tower Fund Collection \$38.00

Close meeting: 11:04 motioned by WAØDVU seconded by KEØWJX and passed with 12 yae and 1 nay.