

Northeast Iowa Radio Amateur Association
WØMG MEETING MINUTES; 10 May 2014

The May meeting of the Northeast Iowa Radio Amateur Association (NIRAA) was held at 7:0 pm at the American Red Cross building in Waterloo on May 10, 2014.

President Dave Knittel (KØCQH) called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm, and a sign-up sheet was passed for attendees to sign.

Eighteen (18) attendees signed in: Mark Colby (N8TWO), Chuck Angel (WØALO), Dave Knittel (KØCQH), Stan Johnson (WØSJ), Eric Henely (KBØQND), Rich Jones (KBØQAV), Dick Nelson (WØHHF), Judi Nelson (NØHHF), Tom Bicket (AEØTB), Chris Conklin (NØCF), Nathan Fisher (NØZYC), Taryn Colby (guest), Don Russell (W9DRR), Craig Hundley (N7PSA), Wendell Wagner (NØRXB), Doug Vernier (KØDV), Raynard Engel (WAØEEY), Nick Miller (KDØWVN), and Jim Hoover (KEØAGC).

Introductions:

Each person present introduced themselves and members and guests were welcomed.

Secretary and Treasurer's Reports:

Dick Nelson presented the Treasurer Report at the request of Scott Lowe (absent) : As of May 10, 2014, the balance in the Veridian bank account is \$ 614.74. The motion was made and seconded, to accept the Treasurer's Report. The report was approved.

A motion was made (Angel) and seconded (Colby) to approve the Secretary's Report as emailed.

A motion was made by Dick Nelson and seconded by Nate Fisher to pay the insurance premium. Motion passed. It was requested that I ask Scott Lowe to give a brief presentation on the insurance policy, what it covers, etc.

Old Business:

Mark Colby (N8TWO) mentioned that there will be two packs of Cub Scouts expected to participate in Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) on October 18.

Stan (WØSJ) made a suggestion that we make additional effort to get the word out about our swap meet on July 12. Note: I made a request to our ARRL section manager, Joe Hoepfner, to distribute the information which he has done to all the clubs in his section.

New Business:

Dave (KØCQH) met with Eric Grams, from Oelwein, who is in charge of the REACT group in Waverly that will handling communications for RAGBRAI. They checked the range of our 146.94 repeater, 147.55 simplex, and plan to use the 146.2282 repeater. They checked near the sale barn, middle school, and Cedar River Park.

- Don (W9DRR) and Chris (NØCF) both have received requests from the Chicago Urban Bicycle Society asking about overnight camping near Waverly where they can set up antennas, etc. for the night RAGBRAI will spend in the town. So far no response has been given to them. Chris asked about installing a portable repeater in Bremer County. Dave (KØCQH) will check with Kip Ladage.

Latest VE testing resulted in 5 new licensees. Next session will be held on June 21 at UNI.
Contact: Chris Conklin

- The old GE MSTR II repeater on 444.975 at old Schoitz Hospital has been swapped out with a 90W Kenwood repeater. It works well and IRLP is set up on it also.
- Doug Vernier (KØDV) asked about what was done to fix the 146.94 repeater. It was mentioned that we replaced 130 feet of 1/2 inch hardline to the antenna.
- Mark (N8TWO) suggested we try to make contact with the science classes of area schools to promote Amateur Radio.
- A motion to adjourn made by Angel and seconded by Bicket was approved. Meeting adjourned. Nate Fisher (NØZYC) gave a presentation on transmitter hunting.
- Next meeting will be held June 14, 2014 at the Red Cross Building. The topic will be Field Day planning.
- Upcoming hamfests/swapmeets:
 - WØMG, Saturday July 12, Island Park, Cedar Falls, 8:00AM – Noon.

Submitted by:



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