

Northeast Iowa Radio Amateur Association
WØMG MEETING MINUTES; 11 October 2014

The October meeting of the Northeast Iowa Radio Amateur Association (NIRAA) was held at 7:00 pm at the American Red Cross building in Waterloo on September 13, 2014.

President Dave Knittel (KØCQH) called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and passed a sign-up sheet for attendees to sign. Present were: Dave Knittel (KØCQH), Nate Fisher (NØZYC), Mark Colby (N8TWO), Craig Hundley (N7PSA), Jerome Palas (KEØAIX), Curtis Wilson (NKØT), Dick Nelson (WØHHF). Judi Nelson (NØHHF), Dave Brandon (WDØBWQ), Chuck Angel (WØALO), Doug Vernier (KØDV), Gary Korte (KØRTE), Dave Kelly (KDØDK), Raynard Engel (WAØEEY), Stan Johnson (WØSJ), Sean Rogers (WØSMR), and Scott Lowe (WAØTPN).

Introductions: Each member present introduced themselves and were welcomed.

The Treasurer's report and Secretary's minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

2014 club Christmas party has been finalized and will be held at Against the Grain, the restaurant inside the Clarion Inn (the old University Holiday Inn) on University Avenue in Cedar Falls. Sign-in begins at 5:30 PM with dinner served at 6:00 PM. The club meeting will follow around 7:00 PM. The menu will consist of Chicken Cordon Bleu, potato, greens, roll, and coffee or tea. Also a chef's choice desert (presumed to be a piece of pie). Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes the gratuity. You must notify Scott Lowe (WAØTPN, swlowe@gmail.com) prior to 03 November if you plan to attend. Due to the restaurant's requirement of a minimum headcount and because the headcount has to be turned in a week in advance, no refunds will be given. You may pay Scott in advance or pay the night of the party. The restaurant will accept cash or good check only.... no credit cards.

NOTE: If you decide you do not want to attend the dinner, you are still welcome to attend the meeting afterwards!

This meeting is also our annual election of officers. We will be electing, for 2015, President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary, and one new director. You must be a member in good standing to vote.

Mark (N8TWO) reminded the club that he is still looking for volunteers to assist at the Red Cross building on 18 October for the Boy Scouts annual Jamboree On The Air (JOTA).

NEW BUSINESS:

Lengthy discussion took place on unknown people linking their radios/repeaters to our 146.94 repeater. It was suggested that we modify our by-laws to prevent unauthorized linking to any of the club's 2-meter and/or 70 cm repeaters. After considerable discussion, both pro and con, it was decided to have the board review our current policy and write up any proposed changes they suggest and bring it back for a vote.

Dave (KØCQH) reported that reservations for the shelter house at Look Out Park have been made for next year's Field Day (June 27, 2015). Reserved was Saturday only (\$20.00 was paid). The 2015 administration will have to determine if they want to extend this through Sunday.

Stan (WØSJ) reported that the widow of an SK, in Aplington, has a large quantity of OLD test equipment that she would like the club to assist in disposing of. We are soliciting volunteers to help in loading everything up and transporting to our Junk in the Trunk swapmeet next July. If you are

interested in helping, please contact Stan. Curtis (NKØT) has taken photos of the equipment which we will post on the club website as well as on Facebook.

Don Russell (W9DRR) reported that he has EchoLink working on the 444.975 repeater.

A motion was made by Chuck (WØALO) and seconded by Don (W9DRR) to adjourn. Adjourned.

Submitted by:
Richard Nelson, Secretary.