

**Northeast Iowa Radio Amateur Association**  
**WØMG MEETING MINUTES; 12 April 2014**

The April meeting of the Northeast Iowa Radio Amateur Association (NIRAA) was held at 7:00 pm at the American Red Cross building in Waterloo on April 12, 2014.

President Dave Knittel (KØCQH) called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and a sign-up sheet was passed for attendees to sign.

Twenty Three (23) attendees signed in: Mark Colby (N8TWO), Chuck Angel (WØALO), Scott Lowe (WAØTPN), Dave Knittel (KØCQH), Stan Johnson (WØSJ), Eric Henely (KBØQND), David Brandon (WDØBWQ), Curtis Wilson (NKØT), Rich Jones (KBØQAV), Dave Kelly (KDØDK), Dick Nelson (WØHHF), Judi Nelson (NØHHF), Tom Bicket (AEØTB), Chris Conklin (NØCF), Gary Korte (KØRTE), Nathan Fisher (NØZYC), Taryn Colby (guest), Don Russell (W9DRR), Pam Brennecke (KDØZEG), Damon Ott (KDØTCZ), Jeremy Dick (guest), Craig Hundley (N7PSA), and Lawrence Tisor (NØLAT).

**Introductions:**

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

**Secretary and Treasurer's Reports:**

Treasurer, Scott Lowe: As of April 12, 2014, the balance in the Veridian bank account is \$ 614.71. The motion was made (Brandon), and seconded, to accept the Treasurer's Report. The report was approved.

A motion was made (Mark Colby) and seconded (Russell) to approve the Secretary's Report and was approved as posted on the NIRAA website.

- **Old Business: none**
- **New Business:**
- Next VE session will be Saturday, April 26, 2014 in the Curtis Business Building on the University of Northern Iowa Campus. It is located at the intersection of 27<sup>th</sup> and Minnesota Streets; rooms 1 & 3, 10:00 AM. Contact: [n0cf@arri.net](mailto:n0cf@arri.net)  
The club has enough materials now to expand VE testing to four times per year.
- Mark Colby (N8TWO) is planning to invite the Boy Scouts to Field Day again this year (June 28<sup>th</sup>).
- Mark Colby (N8TWO) announced that Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) is being held the third weekend in October. He hopes to have scouts on the air in the club station in the Red Cross Building again this year.
- Chuck Angel (WØALO) is requesting that all ARES members update their membership forms. See him for details.
- Stan Johnson (WØSJ) showed a new 10 meter monopole antenna he constructed for Field Day. He is hoping to complete a 15 meter version also prior to the event.
- Eric Henely (KBØQND) announced that he has accepted a new job at Iowa State University and will be moving to Ames.

- Upcoming hamfests/swapmeets:
  - Cedar Rapids, Rockwell/Collins Main Plant parking lot, 8:00AM, May 10 (unconfirmed, chk before driving there).
  - Hamvention, May 16-18, Dayton, OH.
  - Princeton, IL (Starved Rock), Sunday, June 1.
  - WØMG, Saturday July 12, Island Park, Cedar Falls, 8:00AM – Noon.

Dave Brandon (WDØBWQ) moved and it was seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

**Program:** Stan Johnson (WØSJ) did an excellent program on grid dip meters, their many uses, and how to use them. He demonstrated several examples of their usage and allowed the members to try them all. Several members brought their own grid dip meters along to use also.

Next month's program TBD.

Submitted by:



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