

**Northeast Iowa Radio Amateur Association**  
**WØMG MEETING MINUTES; 14 June 2014**

The June meeting of the Northeast Iowa Radio Amateur Association (NIRAA) was held at 7:00 pm at the American Red Cross building in Waterloo on June 14, 2014.

President Dave Knittel (KØCQH) called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and passed a sign-up sheet for attendees to sign.

Fourteen (14) members signed the attendance sheet including: Spencer Jenson (KDØZJE), Mark Colby (N8TWO), Chuck Angel (WØALO), Scott Lowe (WAØTPN), Dave Knittel (KØCQH), Don Russell (W9DRR), Eric Grams (NØZST), Tom Bicket (AEØTB), Gary Korte (KØRTE), Nick Miller (KDØWVN), Nate Fisher (NØZYC), and Jerome Palas (KEØAJX). Guest: Jesse

**Introductions:** Each member present introduced themselves and welcomed new members.

**Secretary and Treasurer's Reports:**

Scott Lowe reported that as of June 14, 2014, the balance in the Veridan bank account is \$ 387.77 after paying the club's annual insurance premium in the amount of \$227.00. The motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report.

The Secretary's Report was approved as posted on the NIRAA website.

**Old Business:**

**Insurance coverage:** Scott Lowe reported that the club carries insurance coverage in the amount of \$2 million aggregate, \$ 1 million per occurrence, and \$5,000 medical per person.

**New Business:**

- **Ragbrai support and Fox Hunt:** Eric Grams (NØZST) from Oelwein made presentations regarding RAGREI support and the planned Fox Hunt at Valley View Park in Oelwein and family picnic on July 6 . Contact Eric at NØZSTarrl.net or 319-480-1376 for more information.
- **RAGBRAI:** Will be hosted in Waverly on July 24 and 25. Amateur radio will provide backup radio communications support at the camp grounds, EOC incident command post, and entertainment area. Seven (7) locations require communication. 147.555 mhz will be used.
- The "kurchunk" problem continues on the 146.94 repeater.
- **Field Day 2014:**
  - Antennas:
    - 40-20-15-10 meter folded dipole will be provided by Don Russell.
    - 40-20-15-10 meter vertical will be provided by Mark Colby.
  - HF rigs:
    - Mark Colby will provide his IC-745
    - The club will provide the FT-897

- Computer logging system will be provided and setup by Chris Conklin and Don Russell.
  - Doug Vernier and Curt Wilson will operate the CW station.
  - PSK31 and RTTY will be operated using the clubs FT-897.
  - Doug Vernier will forward a press release and ask for a TV crew to cover Field Day.
  - The ARRL section manager will be invited to attend.
  - Stan Johnson and Chuck Angel will provide battery power supplies and inverters.
  - The plan is to operate 40, 20, and 15 meters.
  - Pot luck supper begins at 4:00 pm.
    - Dave Knittel will bring pop and water.
    - Chuck Angel will bring grille, brats, and hamburger
    - Everyone will bring a covered dish
  - Set up at Lookout Park will begin at 10:00 am on Saturday morning.
  - Operations begin at 1:00 pm
  - Dave Knittel will ask for permission from the Park Commission to operate 24 hours.
- VE Testing: VE testing will be held at UNI in Curris Hall at 9:30 am on June 21.
  - The Waterloo airport will have an exercise on August 7.
  - Waterloo will hold an airshow on August 22, 23, and 24. The club will provide communications support.
  - The WOMG “Junk in the trunk” hamfest will be held on July 12 in Island Park. (The event was subsequently moved to HyVee on University Avenue due to flooding.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

**Program:** Curtis Wilson demonstrated how to use service monitors to align and repair radios. Demonstrations of how to use the tracking generator, synadder, and scope functions and tests of sensitivity tests, tone squelch, modulation, power out, PL tones, deviation, DTMF deviation, DTMF decoder and encoders, voltage tests, and use of the spectrum analyzer were performed.

Submitted by:

Scott W. Lowe, Treasurer on behalf of Dick Nelson, Secretary.