

Northeast Iowa Radio Amateur Association
WØMG MEETING MINUTES; 13 September 2014

The September 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 7:07 pm and passed a sign-up sheet for attendees to sign. Present were: Dave Knittel (KØCQH), Shauna Downing (guest), Nick Miller (KDØWVN), Chris Conklin (NØCF), Nate Fisher (NØZYC), Mark Colby (N8TWO), Taryn Colby (guest), Craig Hundley (N7PSA), Jerome Palas (KEØAIX), Tom Bicket (AEØTB), Curtis Wilson (NKØT), Dick Nelson (WØHHF), Randy McClain (KDØRJW), Dave Brandon (WDØBWQ), Chuck Angel (WØALO), Doug Vernier (KØDV), and Rich Jones (KBØQAV).

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

No Treasurer's report was available. The Secretary's minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

2014 Club Christmas party was discussed and will be finalized at our next meeting on 11 October. Nominations for officers and directors will be taken at the next meeting also. VE testing will be held on September 20, 2014 at the Curris Business Center on the UNI campus. Testing is from 10 AM until Noon and the cost is \$15.00. The new Technician question pool will be used which became effective July 1, 2014. Contact Chris (NØCF) with questions.

The Thunder in the Valley airshow went well. Club members working there were Chuck (WØALO), Chris (NØCF), Tom (AEØTB), Judi (NØHHF), and Dick (WØHHF).

Mark (N8TWO) 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). He is expecting two packs for sure, possibly three plus a boy scout troop. There may be some girl scouts attending also. In addition to operating the club station, fox hunting will take place in the parking lot. Please contact Mark if you are able to volunteer. Chuck (WØALO) will check out the antennas to make sure all is operational.

NEW BUSINESS:

A discussion on the Belvidere hamfest took place. Chris (NØCF) acquired two new Micor power amps for the 444.975 repeater. There was a good turnout. Chuck (WØALO) toured Chicago's Red Cross trailer. They commented that the Red Cross communications are not as good as they would like, therefore, they are using ham radio to get out better!

A motion was made (Nelson) and seconded (Angel) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned

The evening's program was a presentation on remote station control by Doug Vernier (KØDV).

Next month's meeting will a presentation by Curtis Wilson (NKØT) on a new network analyzer. It will be held on 11 October on the basement level of the Red Cross Center, Waterloo, IA.

Submitted by:

Richard Nelson, Secretary.