

Northeast Iowa Radio Amateur Association
WØMG MEETING MINUTES (Revised); 13 December 2014

The December meeting of the Northeast Iowa Radio Amateur Association (NIRAA) was held at The Red Cross Center in Waterloo, IA. In attendance were: Dave Knittel (KØCQH), Nathan Fisher (NØZYC), Curtis Wilson (NKØT), Craig Hundley (N7PSA), Mark Colby (N8TWO), Scott Lowe (WAØTPN), Stan Johnson (WØSJ), Chuck Angel (WØALO), Tom Bicket (AEØTB), Dick Nelson (WØHHF), Jerome Palas (KEØAIX), Chris Conklin (NØCF), Dave Kelly (KDØDK), Don Russell (W9DRR), Rich Jones (KBØQAV), David Brandon (WDØBWQ), and Wendell Wagner (NØRXB).

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Knittel (KØCQH) at 7:10 PM. A motion to approve the Minutes of the November 2014 meeting was made by Tom Bicket and seconded by Mark Colby. Minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Scott Lowe and indicated a bank balance of \$407.05. The report was approved. Comment was made that we need to try and find more members to support the club financially.

ARES Check-ins (Sunday evenings): Chuck Angel reported that check-ins are very good, about as good as any other group in the state. We have seen as many as 25

Sherman Lundy, Chair, District Scouting, appealed to the group to assist with communications for a 25-mile bike ride to take place the first Saturday in May 2015 from 8AM to about 3PM. . The ride will be in the vicinity of Gilbertville with two to three checkpoints along the route. They are looking for volunteers to man the checkpoints and the base at McFarlane Park. Scouts will be 11 to 18 years old, no Cub Scouts, and there will be a few adult riders. More info to come. Contact Mark Colby (319-883-5260) if you are interested in volunteering.

A Technician training class has been developed which will be conducted on three separate Saturday afternoons at the Countryside Vineyard Church, 3467 Lafayette Road in Evansdale, 1 – 5 PM. The first class will begin on January 17th. A VE session is planned at the conclusion of the training. Stan Johnson (WØSJ) will be doing the bulk of the training which will consist of oral presentation, hands-on labs, and some homework. Others will be on hand to assist the students. Contact Mark Colby (319-883-5260) if you have any questions.

Stan Johnson suggested we have a meal at Pizza Ranch for all new Techs in an effort to introduce them to the club.

Other Business: Craig Hundley (N7PSA) suggested we operate a Special Event Station from the National Cattle Congress grounds this coming summer and possibly from the new John Deere Tractor and Engine Museum. No action taken.

A motion was made by Dick Nelson and seconded by Chuck Angel to adjourn. Adjourned.

The next regular meeting will be held January 10, 2015 at the Red Cross building, basement level, 2530 University Avenue in Waterloo. Presentation: Curtis Wilson (NKØT) will discuss construction of an end-fed co-linear antenna.

Submitted by:
Richard Nelson, Secretary (outgoing).