

Northeast Iowa Radio Amateur Association
WØMG MEETING MINUTES; 12 October 2013

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 October 12, 2013.

ATTENDANCE:

President Dave Knittel (KØCQH) called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM and passed a sign-up sheet around. In attendance were: Chris Conklin (NØCF), Stan Johnson (WØSJ), Scott Lowe (WAØTPN), Chuck Angel (WØALO), Eric Henely (KBØQND), Lawrence Tisor (KBØSZV), Mark Colby (N8TWO), Nate Fisher (NØZYC), Joe Hoepfner (AJØHH), Rich Jones (KBØQAY), Curtis Wilson (NKØT), Dave Knittel (KØCQH), Wendell Wagner (NØRXB), Judi Nelson (new ham, no call yet), Dick Nelson (WØHHF).

No Treasurer's report was available at the meeting.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING:

Dave Knittel (KØCQH) gave a report on next month's (November) meeting which is our annual Christmas meeting as well as election of officers. You may send nominations to me in advance or nominations will be taken at the meeting. We will be looking for nominations for President, Vice-president, Treasurer and Secretary.

The meeting will be held at the College Square HyVee beginning at 6:00 PM on November 9th. Dinner will be from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM and the business meeting will immediately follow. We will purchase our own meals and take our trays to the upstairs meeting room. It is reached via an elevator down an aisleway about half way between the cafeteria area and the bakery area. Please DO NOT bring any food of your own or we will be obligated to pay for use of the room.

146.94 REPEATER DISCUSSION:

Work that is required to repair the repeater at the CF water tower site is estimated to cost around \$1100 which will nearly deplete our savings account. Dick Nelson (WØHHF) made a motion that we increase the club dues for 2014 from the present \$15.00 to \$20.00 in an effort to replenish our savings. The motion was seconded by Eric Henely (KBØQND) and voted on with unanimous approval. Family memberships remain the same as single memberships.

VE TESTING:

Many thanks to VE examiners Chris Conklin (NØCF), Joe Hoepfner (AJØHH), Curtis Wilson (NKØT) and Dave Knittel (KØCQH) for conducting a great VE exam session. This testing resulted in:

- 3 new Technician Class
- 1 new General Class
- 1 upgrade to Technician Class (from Novice)
- 2 upgrades to General Class
- 1 upgrade to Extra Class

Congratulations to all!

REPEATER WORK:

Chris Conklin (NØCF) reported on recent work done on repeater sites. Covenant Hospital: Cleanup consisted of removal of old antennas; 800 MHz, 150-160 MHz, UHF receive antenna. A new 14ft dia 920 MHz dish was installed along with a 927.0125 MHz repeater. The 146.94 repeater has issues, the 2m link yagi needs attention. EOC: G5RV antenna is no good and is planned to be replaced with an 80m dipole. The switching power supply on the APRS system died and Curtis Wilson (NKØT) is going to try to repair it.

BOYSCOUT JAMBOREE ON THE AIR (JOTA):

Mark Colby (N8TWO) is preparing to hold the area JOTA next Saturday, 19 October, using the Red Cross radio equipment.

Dick Nelson (WØHHF) moved that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Chuck Angel (WØALO). The meeting adjourned followed by a presentation by Joe Hoepfner (AJØHH) on NBEMS (Narrow Band Emergency Message Service; known a N-Beams) Thank you, Joe.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a clear "Nelson" following.

Richard Nelson, WØMG Secretary