

WCARC Meeting Minutes – August 9, 2016

The August 9th WCARC meeting was called to order by John (KD4WX) at 7:19 pm CDT in the beautiful parking lot. A previous meeting by other users was an unexpected surprise, but handled in true ham fashion. A tailgate meeting was attended by 14 members plus 1 new member and his guest (wife). Welcome Neil Goodwin (KI4CKE) and his XYL Rhonda. The VHF Repeater was delivered to Mike (KD4IID) for alignment and he also contributed many coils of hardline coax for club use. Thank you, Mike.

Club meeting was moved inside and resumed as of 7:33pm, after introductions of all in attendance. Last month's minutes were read off by Steve (NN9J) and motion for acceptance was made by Matt (KE4NYM) and seconded by Bob (N9IWJ).

Daniel (KK4MKZ) discussed new additions to club website and follow up issues with the hardline located on tower site. Rodney (N4DRS) discussed follow up radio volunteers for the White County Fair. Those who volunteered were Kathy (NF9G), Steve (NN9J), Bob (N9IWJ), and John (KD4WX). Roster hours are to be determined. Current personal will assist hams with procedures. Emergency frequency channels will be utilized. ARES IDs are recommended. Rodney (N4DRS) passed out ARES cards to Mike (KD4IID) and Patrick (KV4MO), remaining cards to be issued at a later date.

UHF antenna relocation planned for November 2016, VHF antenna location to be determined. John assured members that the allocation of VHF frequency pairs are reserved. John also received an anonymous donation of \$100 for club use. Thank you Easter Bunny!

Steve (NN9J) discussed need of Treasure position to be filled by New Year.

Discussion of possible dues to be determined because of repeater upkeep and maintenance brought up by Bob (N9IWJ) and Steve (NN9J). Cost of VHF duplexers vs installation of two separate antennas and waveguides was brought up by Kathy (NF9G) and Joan (KF4DAM). Mike (KD4IID) said the duplexers would be simplest. Bob (N9IWJ) mentioned checking with two sources in Chicago, starting with Motorola supplier in Sparta. Mike (KD4IID) offered a UHF antenna for club use. More discussion is to be determined at later date.

John (KD4WX) requested volunteers for net control. Bob (N9IWJ) committed for September and Will (KW1LL) committed for October.

Bob (N9IWJ) suggested Nashville as a replacement location for Dayton Hamfest. Suggestions are to be made to DARA website. With no further business, John (KD4WX) motioned for adjournment. Motion made by Daniel (KK4MKZ) and seconded by Terri (KM4QOI). Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm CDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve NN9J