

WCARC Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2016

The October 11, 2016 WCARC meeting was called to order @ 7:05 pm CDT by John (KD4WX) with 9 members in attendance.

The new meeting place turned out to be quite suitable at the Methodist church, with more expansive accommodations.

Last month's meeting minutes were read and accepted after introductions were made. Motion for acceptance was made by Kathy NF9G and seconded by Will (KW1LL).

Mike Henry (KD4IID) informed club of the available Motorola radios donated to the club. Discussion followed with the possibility of units not wanted, to be sold for raising funds for club usage. The Motorola Mitrac MSR 2000 (450) machine will be utilized as a backup repeater, with crystals ordered by John (KD4WX). They're to be shipped in November and will be installed and tweaked at that point or as soon as possible. The new 1/2" hardline coax has been safely delivered to Bob (N9IWJ), along with the N type connectors for installation in November. Thanks Bob. Prior to installation, the coax, connections, and commercial (450) antenna will be tested on ground first.

Mike (KD4IID) also mentioned about keeping some of the mobile unites for spare parts. John (KD4WX) also mentioned about the donated hardline scraps to be recycled and turned into cash for the club treasury. The current antenna and LMR 400 coax will be left in place in case of emergency backup, if change over should be needed.

Rodney (N4DRS) mentioned about the club assistance with the White county fair communications. The help was gladly appreciated by Jimmy Savage and the county. His offer of utilizing his old office at the EMS building for an EOC site will be given consideration and discussed for future options. John (KD4WX) also mentioned that the VHF repeater is available, while ongoing testing and tweaking is in progress at this time. Repeater frequency is 146.685/085 input with no PL. Any signal reports should be referred to John KD4WX for coverage analysis.

NWS chats are available for those that want text alerts and information in real time. Spotters training information is available on their website address for scheduling live sessions and online test sessions. All spotters are to be reviewed every two years by testing at live sessions or online at their website. Rodney (N4DRS) is continuing to process ARES cards with photos at this time. Thanks Rodney.

No further discussions, the meeting was adjourned by John (KD4WX) and seconded by Dave (KS4ANK) at 8:30 CDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve NN9J