

**WVARA
NOVEMBER 2016 CLUB MEETING
MINUTES**

President Jerry Cockrell, W9GWC, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on November 4, 2016.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Kevin Berlen, K9HX.

Roll Call / Introductions were made with recognition of new Tech Teri Evans, KD9HEQ.

The Club Station is open 5:30-8:00 PM every Thursday. The Club Station is located on the N.E. corner of 7th and Idaho, Terre Haute. Entrance and parking on east side of building.

North Vigo High School Radio Club – The Club recently participated in the School Club Round Up; working 4 nights of 4 hours and made around 90 contacts. SDR radio is being introduced to the club with a donation of a receiver by Dick Wood, N9TH. Jay Sotak, AB9CG, is lending a hand with the club. The club's QRZ site (K9THN) has been updated.

VE Report – Both students in the Tech class passed their exams. The General upgrade class starts next Tuesday (11/08).

Correction to October Minutes - The previous month's minutes should have listed the dates for the Ft. Wayne Hamfest as November 12th & 13th. October minutes were approved with this correction.

Treasurer's Report for October 2016 was presented and approved.

Vigo County ARES Net – 1st Sunday monthly, 8:30 PM on 146.685 Repeater. ARES reported a successful response to the October Simulated Emergency Test.

Nominating Committee - The committee is ready to present a slate of candidates for the election of officers at the December meeting:

President: Kevin Berlen, K9HX
Vice President: Jay Sotak, AB9CG
Secretary: LeRoy Sedgwick, AC9NF
Treasurer: Ray Andrews, K9DUR
Trustee: Gary Adams, W9EEU

Christmas Party – WVARA Christmas Party to be held December 17th, 6:00 PM at St. Margaret-Mary Catholic Church. The evening will include a “Dirty Santa “ gift exchange after a covered-dish carry-in meal.

Turkey Fest - A problem with the building reservation was discovered with our advertised site. The Board will try to determine an alternative location.

Comm Trailer - The membership voted to approve a non budgeted expenditure for batteries for use in the Communications Trailer in the amount of \$171.18.

SDR Radio Proposal - Dick Wood, N9TH, presented a proposal to fund a purchase of an SDR radio for the Rose Hulman Radio Club. HRO is currently offering a receiver for \$124 with free shipping. After some discussion the membership decided to wait until after the first of the year in order to consider the expense as an item in next year's budget.

DMR Repeater - Kevin, K9HX, reported on the status of the DMR repeater.

Winter Field Day - Several members expressed interest in participating in the 2017 Winter Field Day on January 28th and 29th. Don, K9DRP is securing reservations of a shelter at Mill Creek Park in Marshall, IL. Further discussion will continue on the club list server.

WVARA membership and inventory lists have been updated and are available on the club web site.

Following the break the membership enjoyed a presentation on antennae was provided by Steve Farrington, K9TA.

The meeting was adjourned with 27 in attendance at 8:20 PM.

Acting in lieu of the Secretary, Don Pine, K9DRP.