

Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association 2017-04-07 Club Meeting Minutes

President Kevin Berlen (K9HX) called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm EST.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-President Jay Sotak (AB9CG).

Roll Call/Introductions – There were 29 sign-ins.

Spring Hamfest – We had lots of help. It was a successful event.

Owen-Putnam State Forest 50-50 Race – March 25, 7:00 am to 10 pm. We were contacted on short notice. Gary Wheeler (K9ERE) coordinated this event for us. We had 7 volunteers. This is an activity that we may schedule for next year.

Vigo County ARES – The Quarterly ARES meeting is next Friday, April 14, 7:00 pm (EST). Gary (K9ERE) will be the speaker. Net is the 1st Sunday monthly, 8:30 pm EST on 146.685 Repeater.

Triathlon – May 13 @ Hawthorn Park. Volunteers are needed.

Indiana QSO Party – May 6th. We will operate from our club property. There will be a cookout that evening.

Clay County ARES – April 22nd. The special call for this Earth Day activity is N9E. They will be operating on 80/40/20 meters. This is listed in QST under Special Events.

Brentlinger Dinner – The dinner was held at MCL Cafeteria in Terre Haute on March 18. Jerry Cockrell (W9GWC) was the recipient of the Brentlinger Award.

North Vigo High School Radio Club – K9THN will also operate during the Indiana QSO Party. The plan is to operate from Shrine Hill. A contact is needed for Shrine Hill. K9THN placed 4th nationally in their class during the School Roundup.

VE Report – Testing is scheduled here at the Glas-Col Annex, Saturday, April 8, 9:30 am (EST).

Secretary's Report – March minutes presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report – March report presented and approved. Spring Hamfest reported \$605 profit. We are still seeking members and dues are continuing to be collected.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws – Should we suspend the bylaws and vote on them tonight? Following discussion the item was tabled until next month.

SkyWarn Classes – David Littlejohn (N9FMD) – Severe weather safety was also taught the same day @ Ryves Hall in Terre Haute.

List Serve – Don Pine (K9DRP) and Ray Andrews (K9DUR) promoted members signing up for the List Serve. There may still be some erratic problems. Ray (K9DUR) will do some followup on possible ongoing problems.

The Club Station is open, 5:30-8:00 pm EST every Thursday. The Club Station is located on the N.E. corner of 7th and Idaho. Entrance and parking is in back of building. Come to the Club Station and operate it's great practice for Field Day, etc.

Break

50/50 Winner – Pam Andrews (K9JMA)

Program – Jay Sotak (AB9CG) – Winter & Spring Field Day Presentation. Jay (AB9CG) will chair the Spring Field Day. This is scheduled for the 4th full weekend of June.

WVARA Board Meeting – The meeting will follow the WVARA club meeting. All members are invited to attend.

Adjourned – 9:01 pm EST.

Next Meeting – May 5; 7:00 pm (EST); Glas-Col Annex