

## ECARC - 2/16/2016 – Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Paul, W0AIH at the Saving Grace Facilities about 6:30 PM. 15 members and guests were present.

Ron, KC9PKO read meeting minutes from the 1/19/2016 meeting. The date of Wisconsin QSO Party was listed incorrectly. Actual date is Sunday, March 13, 2016. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Passed unanimously.

Paul asked each person to introduce themselves and give a brief review of when they became interested in Ham radios, why they got a license and what their interests were then and now. It was very interesting to hear each person's story.

**Ron, W9RLL, read Treasurer's report.** Motion made and seconded to approve the report as read. Motion passed unanimously. Membership dues continue to be sent in, so there are just a few left to be heard from. You know who you are.

An election of Club Trustees was held due to previous trustees (Mark & Paul) being elected to officer positions in the club. Rolf, KG0KM and Jason, KC9RIJ were elected to trustee positions.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Reminder: Eau Claire County Warning Siren Testing.**

Warning Siren testing continues all year long in Eau Claire County and we can use your help to monitor the warning siren tests every month. On the first Monday tune in to the 146.910 repeater (110.9) about 10:45 AM local time to check in for the net. Dave, KB9WPC is the net controller. You can check sirens in Eau Claire, Altoona, Fall Creek, Augusta or Fairchild.

Our Annual **ECARC Equipment Auction** will take place on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 at the Saving Grace Facilities.

**There is a need for volunteers to help set up the room Friday afternoon at about 1:30 PM.** Come to the West side doors near the Armed Forces Recruiting Center. Colonel Severson will again be the Auctioneer and the Men of Grace will serve breakfast and free coffee to attendees.

**Saturday morning the doors will open at about 6:30 AM on the West side of the building.** This is where unloading of equipment for the auction will take place. Club members who can help Saturday morning are encouraged to be on hand to help folks unload before the auction. Please bring any 2 wheel (or 4 wheel) carts for use by those bringing items to the auction.

Note: The Auction is a good time to renew your ARRL membership, or rejoin if your membership lapsed (or you are not yet a member). There will be incentives.

The 2016 **Wisconsin QSO party** is coming up Sunday, March 13. Party begins at 1:00 PM CDT and the fun ends at 7:00 PM CDT. The club will be represented at Paul's-W0AIH antenna farm and from some member homes as well. Keep good logs so the contacts can be "pooled" for club credit. Contact Paul, W0AIH if you would like to help at the antenna farm. They are looking for some serious operators again this year.

The next **Ham Examination** session in Eau Claire is scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Jon, KE9KW and Diane, K9DMC are volunteer examiners. Examination will be held at the L.E. Phillips Senior Center and will begin at 9:00 AM CDT. Walk-ins are always welcome.

ECARC is hosting the **NWS SkyWarn training** seminar on Tuesday evening April 19, 2016. This event will be held at Saving Grace Church at 7:00 PM. Anyone interested in weather observation will find the seminar very informative. The public is welcome and Ham radio operators are strongly encouraged to attend. Attendance is required to obtain a weather spotter number and ID or current members use the seminar for their required update.

Mark gave a short program on Software Defined Radio.

After the regular meeting adjourned, the ARES/Races folks met with Bill Kraft. Treats were available for all those who wanted them. Thanks Dave.

Important Dates:

- ECARC Equipment Auction - 8AM to 2PM, March 5<sup>th</sup>
- Time changes to Central Daylight Savings time - 2:00 AM, March 13<sup>th</sup>
- Wisconsin QSO Party - 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM CDT March 13<sup>th</sup>
- NWS SkyWarn Seminar - 7:00 PM April 19.
- MS Walk Eau Claire 2016 – April 30
- Dayton Hamvention - May 20 – 22
- CVARC Tailgate swap meet – July 16, 8:00 AM

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Next Meeting will be at 6:30 PM March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Saving Grace Facilities in the East Ridge Center. Please use the West Side Entrance near the Armed Forces Recruiting Center.

See you then...Ron KC9PKO