

ECARC - 3/15/2016 – Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Mark, KB9S at 6:38 PM in the Saving Grace Facilities main meeting room. 14 members and guests were present.

Ron, KC9PKO, read **Meeting Minutes** from the February meeting and offered one correction. Motion made & seconded to approve meeting minutes as corrected. Approved unanimously. Corrected meeting minutes are being posted on the Club website and can be found by clicking on the meeting date.

Ron, W9RLL, read a detailed **Treasurer's report**. The 2016 equipment auction transactions and membership dues were read. Generally the gross receipts for the auction were about the same as last year with attendance down a bit. Current paid members are listed on the club website. Motion made & seconded to approve the treasurer's report as read. Approved unanimously.

Discussion:

The **2016 ECARC Equipment Auction** was a success due in no small part because of our volunteers. We had a good turnout for set-up and during the auction. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED!! It was very much appreciated.

Mark, KB9S, Paul, W0AIH. and Ron, W9RLL gave a report on the 2016 **Wisconsin QSO party** held March 13. Our club did very well again this year (only missed 2 counties) and results will be posted on the website as well as some photos. Ron had 54 digital contacts. Next year we need a "spotter".

There was some discussion about having an additional test session at the LE Phillips Senior Center before the ARRL question pool changes take place. No action was taken.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Eau Claire County Emergency Government office conducts testing of the Outdoor Warning Sirens in and around Eau Claire County the first Monday every month. The ECARC helps with this process. Dave, KB9WPC is the net controller. The Siren test starts at 11:00 AM local time and the net begins in earnest about 15 minutes before the test. Why not join in? All you do is check in with the net controller (146.910 repeater) and let him know which siren you want to observe or let him assign one to you, and then watch for rotation and sound. It is that simple and it would help a lot. If you can check in earlier, you may be asked to report on sirens in Fairchild, Fall Creek, Augusta or Altoona. Next chance to help out is Monday, April 4th. Hope to hear you on the air.

The next Exam Session will be at the LE Phillips Senior Center at 9 AM on April 9. **It is only \$15 for the testing fee.** John, KE9KW and Diane, K9DMC will

again be volunteer examiners. Please note that John & Diane are looking for exam helpers with an Extra Class License. Contact them if you are Extra Class and would be interested in helping out.

ECARC is hosting the NWS SkyWarn Spotter Training Seminar on Tuesday evening April 19, 2016 at 7 PM CDT. This seminar will be held at Saving Grace Facilities in the main meeting room. Anyone interested in weather observation will find the seminar very informative. The public is invited and local Television weather personalities will be there too. Attendance is required to obtain a weather spotter number and ID card or, if you are a current member, you can use the seminar for your required update.

The Chippewa Valley MS Walk/Run will take place on Saturday, April 30 this year. It is a volunteer activity for the ECARC. We could use a half dozen folks for assistance at various locations on the course to provide communication. Let Ron, W9RLL know if you can help. Ron will give you a location where to meet and will run the "net" from the UWEC Davies Student Center. The participants check in by 9:00 AM and the walk/run begins at 10:00 AM. We should be done by noon.

The Program for this meeting was a brief video on dipole antenna (10 meter) construction and tuning. Later a video of the 2007 Field Day activities of ECARC. Thanks Mark!

ARRL Field Day 2016 is coming up Jun 25-26. Our club will have a gathering at the Saving Grace Facility and there is some talk of Brats, Burgers and more for attendees. More details to come. You can see 2015 Field day details on the club website.

Dayton Hamvention is coming up May 20 – 22. this year. Think about attending.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Next Meeting will be at the Saving Grace location for the NWS SkyWarn weather spotter-training event. It is on Tuesday, April 19 and the program starts at 7:00 PM. No official meeting will be held. See you then...Ron, KC9PKO

Upcoming Event/Dates

SkyWarn Seminar-April 19-7PM

MS Walk Eau Claire 2016-April30 -9AM

Dayton Hamvention-May20-22.

CVARC Tailgate Swap meet-July 16- 8AM