

Iowa Wireless Amateur Radio Network (IWARN)

3 September 2020 Meeting

Participants: Gregory Westwater NØXJA, Tom Bicket AEØTB, Randall Hager KØRMI, Glenn Thorne KDØQ, Alan Ribby KEØZHJ, Mark Colby N8TWO, Dale Brass KEØIPI, Gerry Monk KØRKL, Nick Miller KDØWVN, Craig Hoepfner N3CAH, Vickie Bicket WØVJB, Matt Rion KEØTXC

Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and guidelines against gatherings the August meeting was not held in person. Advance notice was provided to members and the meeting was held at the regular time on the same repeater systems used for the weekly net.

Proceedings:

- Participation in the meeting was primarily limited to those on the south end of the IWARN area. The link to the Ackley repeaters was not working. Stations generally capable of reaching the Ackley repeaters received no response. In the absence of any more senior officers the meeting was conducted by Gregory Westwater NØXJA (Secretary/Treasurer).
- The August 2020 meeting minutes were approved.
- Greg Westwater NØXJA gave the Secretary/Treasurer's report. August started with a balance of \$51, no income, no expenses, leaving an ending balance of \$51. The report was approved.
- Craig Hoepfner N3CAH indicated that the club at the Veteran's Home in Marshalltown is meeting online via Zoom on 2nd Saturdays. Anyone interested is invited to join them. Those interested should contact Craig, his contact info is available on QRZ.com
- Tom Bicket AEØTB followed up on discussion at the last meeting about WinLink. Training sessions are being given via Zoom (see the IowaARES.org website) and some nets and drills this fall will be using WinLink.
- Tom also indicated that VE Testing is planned for 19 September at the Hudson City Park.
- Mark Colby N8TWO discussed plans for Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) for Scouts BSA on October 16-18. He is seeking multiple operators to setup stations at Camp Ingawanis near Waverly. The stations would be scattered around camp for the scouts to rotate through and visit. The desire is to have multiple modes

and bands represented (DMR, DSTAR, Digital HF, Slow Scan, WinLink, CW, HF, VHF, UHF, etc.)

- Mark also reported that the WØMG club in Waterloo is holding online classes for those looking to upgrade to General or Extra. One of the classes is already underway, the other is starting soon.
- During roundtable discussion many stations commented on the 10 August 2020 Derecho, it's impact on their antennas, importance of backup power, and availability of ham radio at a time when phone, internet, and cell service was disrupted over a wide area for an extended period.
- Having no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.