



Newark Amateur Radio Association NARA



Business Meeting Minutes January 15, 2022

- ❖ **Call to Order:** As agreed upon during the December 2021 business meeting, due to escalating concerns over the corona virus, the meeting was conducted via a Zoom™ web-based video conferencing system. Members were able to join the teleconference and view, hear, and speak with the presenters and other members. The webinar was hosted by Ken K8DQ and called to order by Ron WE8V at 6:00pm. As each member was connected, they introduced themselves by name and call sign. A total of Twenty-One (21) members connected for the meeting. After the introductions Ron WE8V led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. It was agreed by those members connected, that during the teleconference, reports and motions could be approved by mutual consent after corrections were requested and noted, time for general discussion, and there being no objections raised.

- ❖ **Attendance**

Ron WE8V	Ken K8DQ	Dwight W8TJT	John KC8MIS
Earl W8BR	Alan N8CJ	Beau KD8FVV	Mike WD8JLP
Bret KD8SCL	LaVergne N8HLP	Fritz WD8E	Donna KE8OXT
Weldon K8NQ	Tim K8TMW	John KE8TGD	Sandy KE8TGD
Steve N8WL	Connie WD8ODC	Mike KD8DZ	Rob W8KOU
Jeff N8ADX			

- ❖ **Reading of Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Prior to the meeting, the minutes of the December 2021 NARA business meeting had been posted on the NARA Website and electronically distributed to the members. The members present were queried for any corrections. None were noted. A motion was made by Dwight W8TJT, and seconded by Mike WD8JLP, to approve the minutes as posted. The motion passed.

- ❖ **Treasurer's Report:** By Weldon K8NQ. The account balances as of December 31, 2021 are:

Checking: \$3,420.60 **Savings:** \$257.78 **Total:** \$3,678.38

Note, that over \$635 has been collected through the recently established PayPal account, highlighting the positive adoption of this service.

A motion to approve the report was made by Dwight W8TJT and seconded by Bret KD8SCL. The motion passed.

- ❖ **President's** **Report:**

- 1) **Consolidation of lines 2 & 3:** -----The ARRL reports that the Chinese and Israelites have launched several satellites with amateur radio capabilities. They have beacons. The Chinese satellite has a CW beacon on 435.575 MHz. The Israelite satellites have a beacon on 436.400 MHz. See ARRL Space Bulletin 012 ARLS012 & ARLS002 for further info.
- 2) From the ARRL Bulletin -- QST de W1AW --- Space Bulletin 012 ARLS012 --- From ARRL Headquarters Newington, CT December 21, 2021 --- To all radio amateurs SB SPACE ARL ARLS012 RLS012 New Chinese Amateur Radio Satellite could launch on December 25th.
 - a. The CAMSAT XW-3 (CAS-9) amateur radio satellite has been installed on the CZ-4C Y39 launch vehicle at the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in China, and related work is in progress as planned, CAMSAT's Alan Kung, BA1DU, reports.
 - b. "If all goes well, the satellite will be launched on December 25, 2021." The orbit will be a circular Sun-synchronous orbit with an altitude of 770.1 kilometers. The XW-3 (CAS-9) user manual has more details.
 - c. The 100 mW linear transponder will have an uplink frequency of 145.870 MHz and a downlink frequency of 435.18 MHz (transponder passband is 30 kHz, inverted). **The satellite will have a CW beacon on 435.575 MHz.**
- 3) ARLS002 Eight-Satellite TEVEL Mission to Launch on January 13 ---- All eight satellites will use the same frequencies, as long as their footprints overlap, and only one FM transponder will be activated at a time. **Beacon**

transmissions will be on 436.400 MHz (9,600 bps BPSK). The uplink frequency of the FM transponders is 145.970 MHz, and the downlink frequency is 436.400 MHz **The satellites were built by eight schools in different parts of Israel.**

- 4) Need someone to volunteer to contact Newark Parks Dept. and reserve Horns Hill for the 2022 Field Day event. (Saturday June 25th and Sunday June 26th) – with no volunteers, Ron WE8V accepted the assignment
- 5) I would like to have a committee formed that would investigate and present to the Association the anticipated cost of replacing and installing our 2-meter and 70-cm antennas and their feed lines on the Horns Hill tower. There is a possibility of having certain local manufactures and other sources donate to this project. In order to request donations from these entities, we will need to be able to present an estimated cost. – after discussion, it was largely agreed that any such committee needed to include Russ W8ATA and Tom WB8YOK who were not present at the meeting. Ron WE8V will follow up.
- 6) John Lala KC8MIS has indicated that he wants to step down from the Treasurer's position. --- Ron WE8V and the rest of the NARA membership wish to extend to John KC8MIS our heartfelt thanks for his many years of service. He has done an outstanding job of keeping accurate records and reports.
 - a. (From the NARA By-Laws) =
 - i. Any vacancy in office shall be filled by a **special election** held at the next regular membership meeting following announcement of the vacancy. Election of officers shall be by a majority vote of the active members present.
 - ii. **Annual Audit?** --- He/she shall keep an accurate account of the finances of the Association, and hold the same open for inspection and examination of the Trustees and any committee of members appointed for such inspection
 - iii. Upon the expiration of his/her term, the Treasurer shall deliver all money and other property of the Association in his/her hands to the successor or to the President.
 - iv. Annually at the January membership meeting, the Treasurer, after consultation with the Board of Trustees, shall submit to the membership an **annual operating budget** setting forth the anticipated receipts and expenditures for the year.

- ❖ **Vice President's Report:** Dwight W8TJT
No report

- ❖ **Committee Reports:**

- Membership & Attendance Committee: Ken K8DQ
As of 1/15/2021 there are forty-five (45) paid members with one (1) life member on the club roster.

A renewal reminder will be sent via email in January to remind former members to consider renewing their memberships.

- Repeater Management Committee: Weldon K8NQ
Russ W8ATA was injured and not able to attend meeting. However, he reported that as of 1/14/2022, all equipment and facilities on Horn's Hill were secured and properly operating.

There is a problem with the two-meter repeater antenna near the top of the Horn's Hill tower. It is believed that the connection to the antenna needs repairs. It is suggested that the club consider replacement of the antenna.

- Education / Program Committee: Ken K8DQ
1/15/2022 - Ken K8DQ will present a program highlighting the restoration of vintage amateur radio equipment

2/19/2022 – Steve N8WL will present a program, “The hex beam antenna: an imaginative design”

- ARES / Emergency Management Committee: Bret KD8SCL, Alan N8CJ
Alan Rothweiler N8CJ has been appointed as the new Licking County Emergency Coordinator. Bret KD8SCL will continue to onboard Alan and provide ongoing support to the Licking County ARES organization, as well as remain assistance EC and liaison with the EMA.

Alan N8CJ thanked everyone for help with the on-air nets. He is still learning about resources and responsibilities in his new role and understanding operational plans. He is updating the ARES roster and reminds everyone to be sure to update their contact information and station capabilities for ARES.

A full-scale exercise for Licking County Emergency Management Agency is tentatively planned for May 4, 2022. Additional information and details will be provided.

If you are not already a member of ARES, please consider joining. It is a rewarding opportunity to server your community. A license and simple HT are all that is required to be an effective member.

Be sure to log all of your volunteer hours into the Volunteer Ham application online at <https://voluntueerham.com>

- CERT: WD8JLP
No report
- Social & Reception Committee:
No report

❖ **Old Business:**

Ken K8DQ discussed discrepancies in the December 2021 meeting minutes regarding election results for trustees. Corrections to be made are LaVergne N8HLP will serve as trustee for a **3-year term** beginning January 2022, and Mike WD8JLP will serve the remaining **1-year term** filling the vacancy of Douglas Wright SK. These corrections will be entered into the December 2021 business meeting minutes.

Weldon K8NQ noted that at the beginning of 2021 the club's account balance was approximately \$2,730 and at the beginning of 2022 the balance was close to \$3,400. That's a significant increase due to minimal expenses in 2021, contributions in the form of donations, as well as new members. Much of the new membership can be contributed to the training and VE sessions driven by Earl W8BR. Weldon has thanked Earl for his hard work, and to those members that have completed the course and are now active in the organization.

Ron WE8V recalls that it's time for the club to have an annual audit, and the annual budget is also due. Weldon K8NQ outlined that a finance committee is required to coordinate both of those activities. Weldon also indicated that he has been working on the final financial reports for 2021 and it should be delivered by the February 2022 business meeting. The annual audit is usually conducted by Fred Nickerson NL7CF. We usually have a meeting of the finance committee to cover what artifacts are to be presented to Fred. Sometimes Fred is available to attend that meeting. Weldon K8NQ also wishes to thank Fred for the incredible service he provides to the club in the preparation and presentation of reports to the State and Federal authorities on behalf of the club. Ron WE8V will work to formalize the finance committee and drive these activities.

❖ **New Business:**

Mike WD8JLP reminds the club that Lori Dixon is retiring her post as leader of the CERT organization and believes it is appropriate for NARA to recognize her body of work and support of NARA and amateur radio. Weldon K8NQ advised that she has been a good advocate and the club has enjoyed a good partnership with her and the CERT organization for the duration of her leadership. Bret KD8SCL confirmed that December 31, 2021 was Lori's last day in office. CERT has already conducted a celebration of volunteers, but not a

recognition of Lori's work. Ron WE8V suggested we prepare a plaque and present it to Lori at the 2022 Field Day activity in June. It was noted that Lori is a ham radio operator and would likely be able to join the club at the Field Day event. Bret KD8SCL made a motion that we purchase a plaque commemorating her service to the community and NARA. The motion was seconded by Earl W8BR. Ron WE8V and Weldon K8NQ suggested that the plaque would include a NARA and ARES logos as part of its content. Ron WE8V appointed Mike WD8JLP to research cost and procurement of the plaque. Mike will report back to the next business meeting for approval of the purchase. Ron WE8V will send Mike a list of familiar vendors that provide these services. With no further discussion, a vote was taken and the motion to move forward with the plaque was carried.

Earl W8BR announced an upcoming VE session at St. Leonard Catholic Church on February 5, 2022. He thanks the great group of VEs and Ron WE8V for coordinating facilities for the exams. There are presently only three (3) registrations for the VE session in February. He would like to have at least eight (8) registrants for each VE session and encourages all of us to put out the word to anyone who may be considering upgrading their license to register for the session.

Earl W8BR is also forming a new Technician Licensing Class which will begin on February 26th. There are presently six (6) enrollees for the class. At the end for the class, we will have another VE session on May 7th for class attendees and others that may be interested in licensure or upgrades.

❖ **Swap & Shop:**

No report

❖ **Announcements & Events:**

○ Nets:

- NARA, Tuesdays at 21.00, 146.88, pl 141.3 (On the last Tuesday of the month the NARA net will be on 444.50, pl 141.3.)
- ARES, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 21.00. 146.88, pl 141.3
- Buckeye Net: Multi-Mode, Thurs, Sat & Sun at 13:00, 60M Ch. 4
- Central Ohio Traffic Net, Central Ohio Radio Club (CORC), daily net at 7:15pm 146.970, pl 123.0
- COOKEN, Thursdays at 20:30, 50.500MHz, SSB
- Digital practice net after the regular COOKEN Net, 9pm
- Licking County Skywarn DMR net Saturday evening at 21:00 on TG 31685.
- Fairfield ARES Nets, Mondays at 19:00, 146.700 pl 94.8
- Fairfield County ARC Net, Mondays at 21:00, 147.030 pl 71.9
- Mt. Vernon ARC Nets, Sundays at 21:00, 146.790 pl 71.9
- Ohio ARES HF Net, Tuesdays at 19:00, 3.850 MHZ
- Popular central Ohio Simplex frequencies: 145.70, 146.46, 145.55

- ❖ **Adjournment:** Bret KD8SCL motioned to adjourn the business meeting. It was seconded by Mike WD8JLP. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm.

- ❖ **Next NARA business meeting:** - Saturday, February 19th at 6:00pm. Unless otherwise notified, the meeting will be conducted via teleconference using free Zoom software. The log on address for the NARA Zoom meeting Will be provided via email prior to the meeting date.

- ❖ **A SPECIAL ELECTION** for club treasurer will be conducted during the February 2022 business meeting.

- ❖ **Program:**
Ken K8DQ provided a presentation on the restoration of vintage amateur radio equipment and shared memories of his amateur radio experiences and photos of portions of his vintage radio collection.

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Please send additions or corrections to secretary@n8ara.org

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Secretary NARA