



## Newark Amateur Radio Association NARA



### Business Meeting Minutes February 19, 2022

- ❖ **Call to Order:** 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-Two (22) members connected for the meeting. After the introductions Ron WE8V led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

- ❖ **Attendance**

Ron WE8V	Ken K8DQ	Dwight W8TJT	John KC8MIS
Earl W8BR	Don KE8OUJ	Beau KD8FVV	Mike WD8JLP
Bret KD8SCL	LaVergne N8HLP	Fred NL7CF	Thom AD8AG
Weldon K8NQ	Mary Beth KD8OMU	Rory KE8SAX	Nate KE8PKZ
Steve N8WL	Connie WD8ODC	Mike KD8DZ	Rob W8KOU
Jeff N8ADX	Don KE8OUJ		

- ❖ **Reading of Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Prior to the meeting, the minutes of the January 2022 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 LaVergne N8HLP, to approve the minutes as posted. The motion passed.

- ❖ **Treasurer's Report:** By Weldon K8NQ. The account balances as of January 31, 2022 are:  
**Checking: \$3,847.63      Savings: \$257.79      Total: \$4,105.42**

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

❖ **President's Report:**

- 1) New Masonic Lodge OTA event has been formed. Next event will be 9/24/2022. Details are available at <http://cqmorelight.com/>
- 2) The annual audit and budget report is due. Ron will work with the finance committee to wrap up this work.
- 3) Hamvention® 2022 will be this May 20<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Details are available at <https://hamvention.org/>
- 4) There are multiple hamfests this year, beginning in March. Details are available at <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>

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

❖ **Committee Reports:**

- Membership & Attendance Committee: Ken K8DQ  
Three renewals and one new membership bring the roster total to fifty (50) members. As of 2/19/2021 there are forty-nine (49) paid members with one (1) life member on the club roster.

A renewal reminder will be sent again to former members to consider renewing their memberships.

- Repeater Management Committee: Ron WE8V  
Russ W8ATA reported that there are chains and locks blocking access to the repeater location. He is working to gain access and will check on the UHF repeater when he is able to do so. If the repeater is not available before the Tuesday night net, the club will revert to the 146.88Mhz repeater for net operations.
- Education / Program Committee: Ken K8DQ

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

March 2022 program TBD

- ARES / Emergency Management Committee: Bret KD8SCL

Newsletter has been sent to current ARES roster members. Roster was recently cleaned up. If you are not received ARES communications and would like to, please contact Bret KD8SCL or Alan N8CJ to be added to the mailing list.

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

Thank you for all of your support for the EC transition from Bret KD8SCL to Alan N8CJ.

Be sure to log all of your volunteer hours into the Volunteer Ham application online at <https://voluntueerham.com>. Thank you to those who are already using the system, as it helps the EC reporting.

- CERT: WD8JLP no report

Bret KD8SCL indicated that John Weaver the Deputy Director of CERT has been reviewing emails and working on reorganization of CERT. The organization is dissolving their 501(c)3.

Weldon K8NQ suggests that the club ensure their assets located in the CERT trailer be officially transferred to NARA / ARES in the dissolution of the CERT 501(c)3 since we were co-sponsors of the establishment of the communications trailer and those assets belong to the club.

LaVergne N8HLP reports that CERT has on-line training courses available for self-guiding learning. Those can be found on the CERT website at <https://lickingcountycert.org/>.

- Social & Reception Committee: Mary Beth KD8OMU  
No social / reception updates, but we are excited to see new members and encourage participation in club activities.
- History & Archives Committee:  
No report

❖ **Old Business:**

1) Mike WD8JLP has been working on a memorial plaque for Lori Dixon. Three designs were shared visually with meeting participants. The first design was the “badge” shaped example of what the plaque will look like. The second was a “two logo” design of the

content. The third was a “three logo” design of the content. Ron WE8V asked those in attendance to indicate design preference by a show of hands. The “three logo” design was chosen.

Mike WD8JLP made a motion to spend approximately \$100 to have the plaque produced. The motion was seconded by Bret KD8SCL. Following a vote, the motion was passed.

Mary Beth KD8OMU suggested that we include the word “Ohio” after Licking County and also add the years of service which Lori served. Mike will work with the sign company to estimate and include the suggested modifications.

Ron WE8V suggested we table discussion on when to present the award for a future meeting.

2) Ron WE8V reminded us that we will be electing a new club treasurer in our meeting this evening. He thanked John KC8MIS for his hard work and dedication to the position and his accurate and timeline report of club financials.

Beau Pineda KD8FVV was the only previous nomination for the position. Ron WE8V asked three times for nominations from the floor. There were no new nominations. Bret KD8SCL asked if Beau KD8FVV accepted the nomination, and Beau KD8FVV confirmed that he has accepted the nomination. Ron WE8V asked for a floor vote by show of hands. Beau KD8FVV was elected by a unanimous show of hands. Ron WE8V will coordinate the administrative change of officers by working with Beau KD8FVV, Weldon K8NQ, John KC8MIS, and Ron WE8V.

❖ **New Business:**

1) Weldon K8NQ requested a full accounting of the club’s T-Shirt sales in 2021. Discussion ensued regarding the necessity to collect and remit sales tax on the t-shirts. Fred NL7CF indicated that the logo-branded t-shirts would fall into the exemption status, and that sales tax would not be necessary. Dwight W8TJT confirmed he has the accounting records and excess t-shirt inventory and will provide an accounting.

2) Fred NL7CF shared that the club must file an annual report with the IRS and a separate report must be filed with the Ohio Attorney General. He needs the gross revenues for 2021 and the final balance on hand at year end to file these reports. Weldon K8NQ shared these details via video presentation, and Fred NL7CF was able to complete the filings electronically during the meeting. Weldon K8NQ will share the accounting spreadsheet details with Ron WE8V, Fred NL7CF, and Beau KD8FVV.

3) Earl W8BR announced the VE session at St. Leonard Catholic Church on February 5, 2022 was cancelled due to the inclement weather. He plans to re-schedule the event in the near future.

Earl W8BR is also forming a new Technician Licensing Class which will begin on February 26<sup>th</sup>. There are presently thirteen (13) enrollees for the class. At the end for the class, we

will have another VE session on May 7<sup>th</sup> for class attendees and others that may be interested in licensure or upgrades.

❖ **Swap & Shop:**

No report

❖ **Announcements & Events:**

- Masonic Lodges On The Air September 25, 2021 resulted in NARA being awarded the first place MSL Single-Op Low Power Category award. Thank you Fred NL7CF for participating in the event and sharing the award! The second annual event will be held **September 24, 2022**. Check the website <http://cqmorelight.com/> for details.
- Newark Kiwanis Club Pancake Day is **Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup>** at Goodwill's **The Grove by the River** located at 840 Hollander Street, Newark, Ohio. Tickets are \$5.00 and the event runs from 7:00AM – 1:00PM. Proceeds benefit Camp O'Bannon and other Kiwanis youth programs.
- 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:** Dwight W8TJT motioned to adjourn the business meeting. It was seconded by Mike WD8JLP. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm.

❖ **Next NARA business meeting:** - Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

❖ **Program:**

Steve N8WL provided a very interesting and educational program on the design and operation of Hex Beam antennas. His presentation will be shared on the club's website.

Thank you, Steve!

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Please send additions or corrections to [secretary@n8ara.org](mailto:secretary@n8ara.org)

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Secretary NARA