



## Newark Amateur Radio Association NARA



### Business Meeting Minutes March 19, 2022

- ❖ **Call to Order:** The Zoom session was hosted by Ken K8DQ and the meeting was called to order by Ken K8DQ at 6:07pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, members and guests introduced themselves to the group. A total of Sixteen (16) members and guests connected for the meeting.

- ❖ **Attendance**

Ron WE8V	Ken K8DQ	Beau KD8FVV	Javan W8UA
Earl W8BR	Fritz WD8E	Mike KD8DZ	Bret KD8SCL
Steve N8WL	Connie WD8ODC	Weldon K8NQ	Mary Beth KD8OMU
Rob W8KOU	Rory KE8SAX	Mike WD8JLP	LaVergne N8HLP

- ❖ **Reading of Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Prior to the meeting, the minutes of the February 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 Bret KD8SCL, and seconded by Beau KD8FVV, to approve the minutes as posted. Following a vote, the motion passed.

- ❖ **Treasurer's Report:** By Beau KD8FVV. The account balances as of February 28, 2022 are:  
**Checking: \$3,847.63      Savings: \$257.79      Total: \$4,105.42**

A disbursement of \$100 was made to AAwards & Trophies for the Lori Dixon memorial plaque

A motion to approve the report was made by Weldon K8NQ and seconded by Mike WD8JOP. Following a vote, the motion passed.

❖ **President's Report:**

- 1) ARRL Advisory Committee reports a lot of unauthorized activity on the bands, especially FT8 out of band plans.
- 2) Ukraine has declared a state of amateur radio silence. Ukrainian call prefixes EMA and EOZ are not to be worked until further notice.
- 3) NASA is sponsoring a program to send your name into space on the Orion spacecraft in the upcoming Artemis I mission. Details can be found at <https://www.nasa.gov/send-your-name-with-artemis/>

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

❖ **Committee Reports:**

- Membership & Attendance Committee: Ken K8DQ  
As of 3/19/2022 there are Fifty (50) paid members and one (1) life member on the club roster.
- Repeater Management Committee: Weldon K8NQ  
Russ W8ATA reported that repairs to the 440 repeater should begin in the first week of April. He is also expecting to have a proposal for a replacement 2-meter antenna prepared for the April 2022 business meeting.
- Education / Program Committee:

Upcoming presentations: Ken K8DQ

- March – Javan Miller W8UA – Antenna Modelling
- April – Kevin Kulp KZ3L – Parks on the Air (POTA)
- May – pending confirmation
- June – Field Day 2022 Planning
- July – Ron WE8V – Antenna Builds

Education / Licensing: Earl W8BR

- 5 of 10 elements of the technician class are currently completed. There 12 students in the current class, all are highly engaged
- Exam session next week (March 26<sup>th</sup>) with small group of registrants (currently 4). Session will be held at St. Leonard Catholic Church in a classroom (not the social hall).

- ARES / Emergency Management Committee: Bret KD8SCL

Roster updates have been completed. If you are not receiving ARES newsletters and want to be re-added to the roster, please contact Bret KD8SCL or Alan N8CJ to update the roster.

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 to everyone who is logging hours in Volunteer Ham. Licking county is currently registering the highest number of volunteer hours of any organization in District 7.

- CERT:  
Mike WD8JLP shared the plaque that will be presented to Lori Dixon. There is currently not a date / location set for the presentation.

Bret KD8SCL reported that Matthew is still trying to locate the CERT/ARES trailer (physical location) and will be working with John Weiber to determine its disposition when located.

LaVergne N8HLP – CERT meeting will be held Thursday 3/24 in the Administration Building at 20 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Stret

- Social & Reception Committee:  
No report

❖ **Old Business:**  
No old business

❖ **New Business:**

LaVergne N8HLP inquired about returning to in-person meetings. Ron WE8V queried those in attendance, and several expressed interest in returning to in-person meetings, and others shared a need to remain remote for an extended period. Ken K8DQ suggested we conduct hybrid meetings, including Zoom sessions of in-person meetings. A show-of-hands vote was taken, and it was decided we would return to in-person gatherings with hybrid meetings. Ron WE8V will contact the Newark Red Cross and share details before the next meeting.

Beau KD8FVV extended his thanks to John KC8MIS, Weldon K8NQ, and Ron WE8V for their help in making the transition of treasurer's duties a smooth one. He also suggested that the club consider moving documents related to the treasurer's role to digital recordkeeping. Brett KD8SCL suggested retaining paper records. Mary Beth KD8OMU shared her experience as treasurer of another organization, recommending we work with legal counsel to establish a policy of record keeping and defined periods of retention, archival and destruction.

❖ **Swap & Shop:**

No Listings

❖ **Announcements & Events:**

- The National Weather Service in Wilmington, OH will be conducting basic weather spotter training sessions on March 24, and April 18. They will also be providing advanced training on April 30. Details and registration can be found on the Wilmington, OH NWS website at: <https://www.weather.gov/iln/>
  
- 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 Earl W8BR. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm.

❖ **Program:**

Javan Miller, W8UA provided a presentation and Q&A session on the modelling of antennas, comparing & contrasting modelling software options, and demonstrating the use of modelling software. He answered several questions for the group, and shared his background and interests in amateur radio.

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

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Secretary NARA