



Newark Amateur Radio Association NARA



Business Meeting Minutes April 16, 2022

- ❖ **Call to Order:** The meeting was held at the Newark Red Cross and a Zoom session was hosted by Ken K8DQ. The meeting was called to order by Ron WE8V at 6:00pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, members and guests introduced themselves to the group. A total of Twenty-eight (28) members and guests attended the meeting in person or online.

- ❖ **Attendance**

Ron WE8V	Ken K8DQ	Beau KD8FVW	Bob KE8UIG
Mike KD8DZ	Steve KE8UIK	Alan N8CJ	Rob KC8SUM
Dwight W8TJT	Julie	LaVergne N8HLP	Bret KD8SCL
Weldon K8NQ	Thom AD8AG	Mike WD8JLP	Jeff KC8OQI
Barb KC8BAB	Matthew KE8GTP	Tim K8TMW	Donna KE8OXT
Jeff N8ADX	Steve N8WL	Connie WD8ODC	Jack N8EU
Rob W8KOU	Lori KD8OLM	Kevin KZ3L	Jack N8EU

- ❖ **Reading of Minutes of the Last Meeting:** By Ken K8DQ. Prior to the meeting, the minutes of the March 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 Mike WD8JLP, to approve the minutes as posted. Following a vote, the motion passed.

- ❖ **Treasurer's Report:** By Beau KD8FVV. The treasurer provided a report of all bank accounts and disbursements for the month of March 2022.

A motion to approve the report was made by Dwight W8TJT and seconded by Bret KD8SCL. Following a vote, the motion passed.

- ❖ **President's Report:** By Ron WE8V

- 1) NVIS Day is April 23rd.
- 2) Ohio Section Journal included an informative article on EchoLink.
- 3) LU1ZV WSPR beacon is on the air from Esperanza Base, a permanent Antarctic research station. WSPR is a digital communications protocol.
- 4) ARRL now has over 2,400 affiliated clubs

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

- ❖ **Committee Reports:**

- Membership & Attendance Committee: Ken K8DQ
As of 4/16/2022 there are fifty-three (53) paid members and one (1) life member on the club roster. A special call-out to Earl W8BR for his efforts to expand our member base through ongoing education and licensing programs. Many of our newest members have been introduced to the club as a result of their recent licensure through those programs.
- Repeater Management Committee: Ron WE8V
Tom Eckelberry and Russ Payne reported a burned resistor on a board in the 440 machine has been identified and repaired. The machine is online and working.

Diagnostics on the 2-meter machine are ongoing, along with a proposal for a new antenna. Proposal should be ready for May meeting.

With the 440 machine no online, the nets will return to the UHF machine.

o Education / Program Committee:

Upcoming Programs: Ken K8DQ

- 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

NARA VE Team Report

- The VE team conducted an exam session on 26 March 2022 with eight (8) VEs present. Two new Technician licensees resulted with call signs KE8UIK and KE8UIL. Also, KE8TGG upgraded to General class. I believe all three joined NARA.
- The ARRL website outage caused a delay for these candidates and many others.
- Please notice the nice photo of a portion of the VE team on the website at <https://n8ara.org/j/index.php/home/ve-team> That web page also has some other useful links related the ARRL instructions for the new FCC fees, etc.
- The next exam session is scheduled for 7 May 2022. Pre-registration is required and it is filling up quick. Candidates can contact me before 7 May 2022 at paazig@live.com or 740-504-1950.

Technician License Course Status

- We currently have 12 active participants in the spring Technician License Course and most of them will be taking their exam on 7 May 2022. One has already passed Element 2 and will be testing for General.

NARA Website

- As you know from a report last meeting, the website account was renewed at no cost (501c3 hosting) with Interserver.net for another year. The cost avoidance for that account is \$54 per year due to NARA's 501c3 status.
- I have added Ken Hagans K8DQ as an administrator for the website to help ensure continuity of web operations for NARA. He's already demonstrating skills beyond my abilities, fixing my shortcomings, and I appreciate his help.

N8ARA License Status

- The N8ARA license has a current expiration date of 30 April 2024. That might be my only contribution for Field Day this year unless my family plans change.
- ARES / Emergency Management Committee: Alan N8CJ

NVIS Day is April 23rd from 10:00 – 4:00. Great time to test your antenna structure. Focus is on 2 – 30Mhz with a 30 – 400 mile range. This is an Ohio ARES event.

Fire station site surveys in Licking County will begin in May. Might ask for volunteers to help with testing. Will announce dates as plans are wrapped up.

Licking County EMA full scale exercise will be June 3 – 4. Per Bret KD8SCL, ARES will only be activated on June 3rd.

Always looking for new net control stations for our local nets. If you are interested in becoming a net control operator, please reach out to Alan N8CJ or Bret KD8SCL. A special thank you to Ron WE8V for his help with the nets.

Steve N8WL highlighted that Bret KD8SCL had shared a link to the recorded session of the 2022 Ohio ARES Conference. The session was extremely informative and well worth taking a few minutes to watch.

The video can be viewed at: <http://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/video/2022%20Ohio%20ARES%20Preparedness%20Zoom.mp4>

Mike WD8JLP inquired if antenna testing would be in scope for the site surveys in May. Per Alan N8CJ, the antenna testing is not part of the planned activities for May.

Bret KD8SCL reminds us to log our volunteer activities in VolunteerHam <https://volunteerham.com>. This simplifies administrative reporting.

Alan N8CJ advised that time spent on POTA activations should also be logged as volunteer hours.

CERT:

Mike WD8JLP presented Lori Dixon KD8OLM with a plaque in recognition of her Thirteen (13) years supporting Licking County CERT. Weldon K8NQ also expressed gratitude for Lori's years of dedication to serving the community and partnering closely with NARA and Licking County ARES. All amateurs are

grateful for Lori's efforts in energizing CERT with amateur radio.

John Weaber will be serving as the CERT coordinator.

CERT is no longer a 501(c)3 organization. All requests for resources must now go through the Licking County EOC for funding.

The CERT/ARES trailer is now parked at the Licking County garage and is in need of flooring and vent repairs. Anyone interested in towing the trailer should contact the EOC for qualifications.

Social & Reception Committee: Weldon K8NQ. Mary Beth could not be present but sent brownies and refreshments.

❖ **Old Business:**

No old business

❖ **New Business:**

Dwight W8TJT asked for an inventory of all persons with keys to the Red Cross facility. The club has a liability exposure, and we need to know what the footprint of that exposure is. If you have a key to the building, please let Dwight know.

Steve N8WL is the trustee for the Red Cross amateur radio station and QRZ website.

LaVergne N8HLP reminds us that the 146.88 and 444.50 repeaters are open repeaters and encourages their use. Welcome new members, and enjoy the repeaters.

❖ **Swap & Shop:**

No Listings

❖ **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 Dwight W8TJT. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

❖ **Program:**

Kevin Kulp KZ3L and Jack Kibelbeck N8EU shared an introduction to Parks On The Air (POTA). Jack N8EU also shared some of the equipment and techniques he uses during park activations. A big thank you to Kevin and Jack for sharing their knowledge and experience with NARA!

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Please send additions or corrections to secretary@n8ara.org

Ken Hagans, K8DQ
Secretary NARA