



Newark Amateur Radio Association NARA



Business Meeting Minutes June 18, 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 Dwight W8TJT at 5:58 pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, members and guests introduced themselves to the group. A total of Twenty Two (22) members and guests attended the meeting in person or online.

- ❖ **Attendance**

Ken K8DQ	Barb KC8BAB	Dwight W8TJT	Earl W8BR
Mike WD8JLP	Rob W8KOU	Bret KD8SCL	Beau KD8FVV
Jerad N8HHR	Micki KE8UQP	Terry KE8UUO	Mark Kay KE8UUN
Jeff KC8OQI	Mike KD8DZ	Steve N8WL	Connie WD8ODC
LaVergne N8HLP	Russ W8ATA	Fritz WD8E	Stephen KA8HKC
Nathan KE0RYO	Weldon K8NQ		

- ❖ **Reading of Minutes of the Last Meeting:** By Ken K8DQ. Prior to the meeting, the minutes of the May 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. An accounting of the current bank account balances, income and expenses was provided. A motion to approve the report was made by Mike WD8JLP and seconded by Bret KD8SCL. Following a vote, the report was accepted.

❖ **President's Report:** None

❖ **Vice President's Report:** By Dwight W8TJT. Reminder that Field Day is next weekend and planning for the event will replace the program this evening.

❖ **Committee Reports:**

○ Membership & Attendance Committee: Ken K8DQ
There are sixty-one (60) active members and one (1) life member on the club roster.

○ Repeater Management Committee: Russ W8ATA
Checking Horns Hill location frequently and air conditioning is working well in the hot weather. Antenna has been "behaving" lately, but unsure of the root cause of the intermittent conditions that cause it to malfunction.

Reminder that one quick "beep" on the repeater indicates that the timeout has been reset and transmitting may resume. The timeout time is set to three (3) minutes.

○ Education / Program Committee:

Upcoming Programs: Ken K8DQ

- June – Field Day 2022 Planning
- July – Ron WE8V – antenna builds
- August – TBD
- Education / Licensing: Earl W8BR
 - Technician class question pool changes on July 1st. Changes appear to be insignificant
 - Emphasizes the need to have a current email address on file with the FCC as ALL correspondence related to licensing will be conducted via email only.

○ ARES / Emergency Management Committee: Bret KD8SCL

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.

Reminder to log our volunteer activities in VolunteerHam <https://volunteerham.com>. This simplifies administrative reporting.

CERT: Bret KD8SCL

John Weber, assistant EOC for Licking County is new CERT coordinator, replacing Lori Dixon.

Social & Reception Committee: Weldon K8NQ.

Cookies and coffee have been provided for refreshments

Banner Committee: LaVergne N8HLP

Field Day banners will be posted at park entrance for Field Day and given to Mike WD8JLP after the event.

❖ **Old Business:**

No old business

- ❖ **New Business:** Dwight W8TJT opened a discussion regarding in-person meetings during the current economic conditions and the price of gas. For some members, it may be cost prohibitive to travel to the meeting location(s). Should we return to Zoom only meetings?

Following much discussion from members present and on-line, it was decided that the current hybrid format is working for most, and we recommend continuing the hybrid format. It was also emphasized that no judgement is made based on whether someone chooses to attend in person or online. ALL participation in club events is welcomed and encouraged in any format.

❖ **Swap & Shop:**

No Listings

❖ **Announcements & Events:**

○ Nets:

- Field Day 2022 is at Horns Hill Park on Saturday June 25th through Sunday June 26th.
- 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:** Mike WD8JLP motioned to adjourn the business meeting. It was seconded by Weldon K8NQ. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.

❖ **Program:**

In lieu of a prepared program in June, the members and guests present both onsite and online participated in a planning session to prepare the club for success in the ARRL Field Day 2022.

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Please send additions or corrections to secretary@n8ara.org

Ken Hagans, K8DQ
Secretary NARA