



Newark Amateur Radio Association NARA



Business Meeting Minutes July 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 6:01pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, members and guests introduced themselves to the group. A total of Twenty Four (24) members and guests attended the meeting in person or online.

- ❖ **Attendance**

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| Ron WE8V | Rob W8KOU | Tom WB8YOK | Mary Kay KE8UUN |
| Terry KE8UUO | Micki KE8UQP | Russ W8ATA | Richard W8RLL |
| Mike KD8DZ | Weldon K8NQ | Mary Beth KD8OMU | Jeff N8ADX |
| Bret KD8SCL | Beau KD8FVV | Stephen KA8HKC | Ken K8DQ |
| Nathan KE0RYO | Dwight W8TJT | Chris K8CRC | LaVergne N8HLP |
| Earl W8BR | Steve N8WL | Connie WD8ODC | Rory KE8SAX |

- ❖ **Reading of Minutes of the Last Meeting:** By Ken K8DQ. Prior to the meeting, the minutes of the June 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 Weldon K8NQ and seconded by Bret KD8SCL, 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 Bret KD8SCL and seconded by Tom WB8YOK. Following a vote, the report was accepted.

❖ **President's Report:** Ron WE8V

Thank you to all who participated in and provided support for Field Day 2022

Sean Grady contacted to club and apologized for not attending, but had other obligations

❖ **Vice President's Report:** Dwight W8TJT

Thanked everyone to supported the Field Day effort. Also inquired as to the location of club field day equipment containers.

Ken K8DQ has the field day containers secured in his barn, and will continue to store until such time as the storage room on Horns Hill is available.

❖ **Committee Reports:**

o Membership & Attendance Committee: Ken K8DQ

As of July 16, 2022 there are 63 paid members, and 1 life member for a total of 64 active club memberships.

Average attendance in 2022 is Twenty Two (22) at club meetings. There is a slight increase in participating since the adoption of the hybrid meeting format.

o Repeater Management Committee: Russ W8ATA & Tom WB8YOK

Russ and Tom met recently to discuss the repeater site and current conditions of equipment.

It is recommended the club invests in the replacement of the two meter antenna on the 146.88 repeater. The estimated cost of the antenna is approximately \$700, and an estimate of \$2,500 for installation. It is recommended that the existing feed line be re-used for the installation. The antenna proposed is a 4-bay exposed dipole with a gain of ~6 dB.

The antenna on the 440 repeater was recently changed, and is not recommended for replacement at this time.

A GE Master 3 was donated by Keith Foor KB8VUL. Jim Horvat W8WRP is reworking the equipment for use on 2 meters. This equipment will be available as "stand-by" equipment for the club repeater.

Russ W8ATA also recommends replacing the 6M Omni antenna behind the sheriffs office repaired. It is elevated approximately 110' and will require professional climbers for servicing

o Education / Program Committee:

Upcoming Programs: Ken K8DQ

- July – Ron WE8V - Antenna Builds
- August – Ken K8DQ – Solar Generators
- September – TBD

*Ron WE8V expressed interest in a program comparing various feedlines, signal loss, application, etc.

Education / Licensing: Earl W8BR

A licensing VE session will be conducted in August 13, 2022.

If you are interested in sitting for an exam, please contact Earl W8BR so he can include you in the exam session.

o 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.

Thank you to Beau KD8FVV for serving as NCS in the Wednesday night net.

Alan, Bret and others attended a table-top discussion for Marathon to discuss pipelines and emergency awareness

Sean and John are working on new antennas for the fire stations. Russ has provided historical records for these installations to Alan

CERT: LaVergne N8HLP

An upcoming training event is in planning. Additional details are forthcoming

Social & Reception Committee: Mary Beth KD8OMU

Brownies and coffee have been provided for refreshments

History & Archives Committee: Mary Beth KD8OMU

The committee will meet in early August and will provide a report for the August 2022 business meeting

Field Day Update: Earl W8BR

The club has a successful Field Day event with 323 contacts logged. This is not a record for NARA, but a successful event nevertheless. A full report of Field Day activity, along with historical references is available on the club website at:

<https://n8ara.org/smf/general-discussion-information/field-day-2022-report-submitted-to-arrrl/msg618/#msg618>

Photos from the 2022 Field Day event can be viewed on the club website at: <https://n8ara.org/cpg/thumbnails.php?album=32>

❖ **Old Business:**

No old business

❖ **New Business:**

Ken K8DQ indicated a few email addresses are returning club communications as undeliverable. If any of your contact information has changed, please be sure to update it with the club secretary secretary@n8ara.org or any of the club officers. As time permits, Ken K8DQ will prepare a contact update form that can be accessed online for easier submission of changes.

Mike KD8DZ shared information about the COOKEN club and upcoming events. All are invited to attend the COOKEN events. The group supports events such as NVIS, Ohio QSO Party, Ohio State Parks on the Air, and others. On August 27th, the COOKEN club will participate in the Ohio QSO Party at Ellis Park in Fredonia, Ohio. They will begin setup at 10:00AM and all are welcome to participate. Many members of NARA are already members of COOKEN.

Commensurate with the recommendations by the repeater committee to replace the 2-meter antenna, membership engaged in general discussion regarding the project. A motion was made by Bret KD8SCL and seconded by Steve KA8HKC to authorize Ron WE8V to solicit funding for the project, to include the purchase of equipment and labor necessary to execute the project.

Weldon K8NQ will forward to Ron WE8V, the documentation from a previous solicitation made to the Licking Foundation to be used as a reference.

Russ W8ATA would like volunteers to assist in the evacuation of old equipment from the Horns Hill repeater building. The equipment will be sent to salvage and the space will be reclaimed for storage and the expansion of NARA equipment. Those interested in volunteering should contact Ron WE8V. Russ will coordinate the work once volunteers are identified. Tom WB8YOK recommends a portion of the space be repurposed with the installation of a ladder rack and additional outlets to support repeater equipment.

Russ W8ATA expressed concerns over the growing presence of the mountain bikers on Horns Hill and inquired whether the club should explore other venues for their Field Day operations. Many ideas were expressed, and it was agreed that while we explore others options, Ron WE8V should still apply for the reservation of Horns Hill for the 2023 event.

A Field Day committee was established to perform an exploration and provide recommendations to the club. The committee will consist of: Ken K8DQ, Beau KD8FVV, and Micki KE8UQP. Others should feel free to share ideas or participate in the vetting process.

❖ **Swap & Shop:**

No Listings

❖ **Announcements & Events:**

o 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:** Weldon K8NQ motioned to adjourn the business meeting. It was seconded by Bret KD8SCL. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM.

❖ **Program:**

Ron WE8V shared a presentation on many of the antennas in his farm, along with some interesting installation and construction techniques and performance data.

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Please send additions or corrections to secretary@n8ara.org

Ken Hagans, K8DQ
Secretary NARA