



Newark Amateur Radio Association NARA



Business Meeting Minutes December 17, 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 6:00 p.m. 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**

Ron WE8V	Ken K8DQ	Thom AD8AG	Barb KD8BAB
Mike WD8JLP	LaVergne N8HLP	Fritz WD8E	Gene AE8GS
Mary Beth KD8OMU	Micki KE8UQP	Mary Kay KE8UUN	Terry KE8UUO
Weldon K8NQ	Don KE8OUJ	Matthew KE8GTP	Jeff N8ADX
Rob W8KOU	Nathan KE0RYO	Bret KD8SCL	Beau KD8FVV
James W3VPK	Russ W8ATA	Dick W8RLL	Dwight W8TJT

- ❖ **Reading of Minutes of the Last Meeting:** By Ken K8DQ. Prior to the meeting, the minutes of the November 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. No addition or corrections were suggested. A motion was made by Dwight W8TJT and seconded by Brett KD8SCL, to approve the minutes as corrected. Following a vote, the motion passed.
- ❖ **Treasurer's Report:** The club treasurer, Beau KD8FVV provided an accounting of the current bank account balances, income and expenses. A motion to approve the report was made by Dwight W8TJT and seconded by Mike WD8JLP. Following a vote, the report was accepted.

❖ **President's Report:** Ron WE8V

- By-laws require approval of annual dues
- Membership dues & registration can now be completed online through PayPal
- Join the ARRL. Let club secretary know if you're a member, it helps the club
- Submitted expenses for the 2022 Pizza Part to club treasurer for reimbursement

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

- No report – wishing everyone a happy holiday season

❖ **Committee Reports:**

- Membership & Attendance Committee: Ken K8DQ

As of December 17, 2022, there are 66 paid members, and 1 life member for a total of 67 active club memberships.

Membership renewal reminders will go out in January to any member who has not already renewed membership for 2023.

- Repeater Management Committee: Russ W8ATA

During a recent site visit to Horns Hill it was discovered that the heat was turned off. Equipment was not harmed and Tom Ecleberry WB8YOK indicates that the equipment is of commercial grade and designed to withstand extreme temperatures.

- Education / Program Committee: Ken K8DQ

- December – Annual Elections & Pizza Party (no program)
- January – TBD

- ARES / Emergency Management Committee: Bret KD8SCL

- Simplex event will be held on 12/17
- Planning is underway for 2024 Solar Eclipse
- Stan Broadway N8BHL resigned post as Ohio SEC
- Bret Stemen KD8SCL appointment Ohio SEC
- Bret KD8SCL has stepped down from DEC role

CERT: Mike WD8JLP

- Monday & Tuesday distributing COVID test kits at health department in Newark
- Christmas party on 12/22. Contact Mike WD8JLP for details

Social & Reception Committee: Mary Beth KD8OMU

- Food & Brownies were provided for refreshment.

History & Archives Committee: Mary Beth KD8OMU

No report

❖ **Old Business:**

LaVergne N8HLP and Mike WD8JLP, serving as the 2022 nominating committee, explained the annual election process and shared current nominations for officer and trustee roles. Additional nominations were accepted from the floor, and none were raised.

A point of order was raised by Ken K8DQ. Pursuant to club by-laws Section 6, members may appoint proxies for voting as long as their request is presented in writing to the club secretary prior to a vote being taken. Accordingly, Steve N8WL and Connie WD8ODC have appointed Weldon K8NQ and Mary Beth KD8OMU respectively to represent their interests in the annual election of officers.

Elections were held by paper ballot on the floor and electronic ballot for Zoom meeting attendees.

Election results:

- **President:** Ron Jones, WE8V
- **Vice President:** Jeff Davis, N8ADX
- **Secretary:** Ken Hagans, K8DQ
- **Treasurer:** Beau Pineda, KD8FVV
- **Trustee:** Bret Stemen, KD8SCL

A motion to destroy the ballots was made by Beau KD8FVV and seconded by Weldon K8NQ. Following a vote, the motion passed, and ballots were destroyed.

❖ **New Business:**

Russ W8ATA shared feedback that the "new" website is more difficult to navigate than the older website and noted that the old website was not a "pretty." Conversation ensued regarding the website, and the club's social media presence. Ken K8DQ renewed his assertion that the club should appoint a website and social media committee. Other feedback confirmed that the website could use some reformatting. It was agreed that we will follow up with Earl W8BR and open discussions to build a roadmap for the website and discuss possible changes.

❖ **Swap & Shop:**

Bret KD8SCL has several miscellaneous antenna parts, feed lines, test gear, etc. available for those who want it. The equipment is from an anonymous SK estate. Ken K8DQ suggested that donations for items be made to NARA.

❖ **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 for adjournment, seconded by Dwight W8TJT. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

❖ **Program:**

In lieu of a program, the club enjoyed a pizza party during the annual election process

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Please send additions or corrections to secretary@n8ara.org

Ken Hagans, K8DQ
Secretary NARA