



Newark Amateur Radio Association



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Business Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2023

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	James WX8J	Tom WB8YOK
Rory KE8SAX	Fritz WD8E	Steve N8WL	Connie WD8ODC
Jerad N8HHR	Beau KD8FVV	Don NG8Q	Thom AD8AG
Terry KE8UUO	Leo KE8OOS	Earl W8BR	Rob W8KOU
Alan N8CJ	Bret KD8SCL	Jeff N8ADX	Mike WD8JLP
Mary Beth KD8OMU	Weldon K8NQ	Richard W8RLL	Sandra KE8TGD
John KE8TGC	Russ W8ATA	James W3VPK	Stan KE8QYG

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Prior to the meeting, the minutes of the December 2022 NARA business meeting had been posted on the NARA Website and electronically distributed to the members. Prior to the meeting, corrections were made to the minutes to update net frequencies and remove inactive nets from the routine announcements in the minutes. No other additions or corrections were noted. A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Bret KD8SCL and seconded by Mary Beth KD8OMU. Following a vote, the motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report

Beau KD8FVV provided an accounting of current balances for checking, savings, and PayPal accounts. Additionally, he provided reports of cash and checks received with recent membership applications that need to be deposited. A motion to approve the report was made by James W3VPK and seconded by Mike WD8JLP. Following a vote, the motion was approved.



Presidents's Report

Ron WE8V – no report

Vice President's Report

Jeff N8ADX – no report

Committee Reports

❖ Membership & Attendance

- Ken K8DQ

As of January 21, 2023 there is one (1) life member and thirty-six (36) paid members, totaling thirty-seven (37) active members. Ken K8DQ will be sending out renewal reminders this week.

Ken K8DQ recognized the ongoing efforts of Earl W8BR for his tireless support of the NARA Volunteer Examiners team, the Technician Training program and the tremendous impact these programs have on the growing membership of the organization.

❖ Repeater Management

- Russ W8ATA

Equipment at Horn's Hill is functioning well. There are two stand-by repeaters (one for 144Mhz and one for 440Mhz) at the repeater site. Russ will be reaching out to a few specific members for assistance with implementation of the backup systems if necessary.

The City of Newark has reached out to Russ for advice on the new FAA regulations concerning tower lighting, and its application to the Horn's Hill tower. He will be issuing correspondence to the mayor's office advising them to seek legal counsel. His desire is to be helpful while not creating liability for himself or the club.

The Horn's Hill storage facilities are presently full of equipment and are not available for storage of additional club assets. Currently, the club's Field Day totes are secured at the property of club secretary, Ken K8DQ.



❖ Repeater Management

- Ken K8DQ
This evening's program will be presented by Ron WE8V – VHF/UHF Operations for Field Day. Programs for February and March are currently being scheduled.
- Earl W8BR reports a VE session will be conducted on February 4th. Please refer prospective participants to Earl for registration.

The next Technician Class will begin February 11th. Please refer prospective students to Earl. Classes will be conducted via video conference, and we currently have students registered from the Dayton area and other "distant" locations.

❖ ARES / Emergency Management

- Alan N8CJ
The CRRC Winter Run – Timbuk Challenge in Granville is February 12th. Please contact Alan if you are interested in volunteering.

Skywarn training sessions will return to in-person format this year. Additional information is forthcoming.

Please remember to log your amateur radio related volunteer activities in the [VolunteerHam Online](#) website.

You are encouraged to participate in contests frequently, as it's a good way to ensure your station and operating skills are tested and ready for use.

Please consider joining the local on-air nets. They are an important part of our emergency preparedness.

Licking County Health Department is conducting [Stop The Bleed](#) training. Save a life and sign up online. Registration is required.



❖ CERT

- Mike WD8JLP
Licking County CERT recently held their holiday part. There has been no additional activity to report.

❖ History & Archives

- Mary Beth KD8OMU
No new activity to report.

❖ Social & Reception

- Mary Beth KD8OMU
Coffee & sweet treats have been provided for refreshments this evening.

Old Business

Earl W8BR provided feedback regarding concerns over the website usability and the recent technical changes and difficulties the site and underlying tools have experienced. Additionally, he has asked club officers to identify and appoint a new webmaster to lead the website committee. A motion was made by Earl W8BR to appoint Ken K8DQ to the website committee chair. The motion was seconded by Mike WD8JLP. Following a vote, the motion was approved. Earl and Ken will work to transition administrative tasks and artifacts as necessary.

Earl W8BR also requested the officers to identify and appoint a new club license trustee. Ken K8DQ read the bylaws related to the role.

10. Club Station License Trustee

The Club Station License Trustee shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees and be a member of the Association. The Club Station License Trustee shall be an Extra class licensee and shall govern all use of the Club Station License, N8ARA. There shall be no specified term for the Club Station License Trustee. The application for the Club Station License shall be signed by the President of the Association and the appointed Club Station License Trustee. The Club Station License, N8ARA shall be renewed at intervals specified by the FCC. The Club Station License Trustee shall ensure the license is renewed, as necessary.

Any member meeting the qualifications should contact Ron WE8V to express their interest in the role.

Weldon K8NQ expressed his heart-felt thanks to Earl for his twenty+ years of service as webmaster and station license trustee, as well as his dedication to the training and licensing activities of the club.



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Earl has expressed his commitment to continuing the training and licensing programs of the club and looks forward to working with new appointments on the transition of duties.

New Business

Bret KD8SCL has requested that the club consider sponsoring and issuing an email forwarding address for use in contest and on-air activities related to his role as ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator and other related contest activities. After discussion for clarification, a motion was made by Bret KD8SCL to establish the email address contest@n8ara.org to be forwarded to his personal email address. The motion was seconded by Jeff N8ADX. Following a vote, the motion was passed. Bret KD8SCL will work with Ken K8DQ to establish the address.

Mike WD8JLP inquired if the club was sponsoring any Winter Field Day activities. Ron WE8V indicated that there was no club activity planned, but that all members were encouraged to participate in the event.

Swap & Shop

Bret KD8SCL has a set of repeater cavities in his garage if there is any interest in them

Announcements

- 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
- 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, 3.902 MHZ
- Popular central Ohio Simplex frequencies: 145.70, 146.46, 145.55



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Adjournment

Bret KD8SCL motioned for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Mike WD8JLP and the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Program

Ron WE8V shared a presentation **VHF and Field Day**. The program slides may be viewed online at <https://n8ara.org/smf/index.php?topic=652.0>

Officers & Trustees

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Please send additions or corrections to secretary@n8ara.org

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