



Newark Amateur Radio Association



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Business Meeting Minutes

February 18, 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 6:04pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, members and guests introduced themselves to the group. A total of eighteen (18) members and guests attended the meeting in person or online.

Attendance

Ken K8DQ	Jerod N8HHR	Ron WE8V	Ace W.
Jeff N8ADX	Bret KD8SCL	Beau KD8FVV	Connie WD8ODC
Steve N8WL	Leo KE8OOS	Weldon K8NQ	Mary Beth KD8OMU
Mike WD8JLP	James W3VPK	Dick W8RLL	Paul N8NUG
Darren KB8ECF	Mike KD8DZ		

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Prior to the meeting, the minutes of the January 2023 NARA business meeting had been posted on the NARA Website and electronically distributed to the members. No other additions or corrections were noted. A motion to accept the minutes as posted was made by Bret KD8SCL and seconded by Mike WD8JLP. Following a vote, the motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report

Beau KD8FVV provided an accounting of current balances for checking, savings, and PayPal accounts. A motion to approve the report was made by Weldon K8NQ and seconded by Jeff N8ADX. Following a vote, the motion was approved.



Presidents' Report

Ron WE8V:

- Noted Arnold event was coming to CMH. All the call for volunteers was successful and no additional communication volunteers are needed at this time.
- Special thanks to Alan N8CJ and Bret KD8SCL for their efforts organizing support for the CRCC Winter run. The event was very fun.
- QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo is March 25-26, 2023. The events are all online and tickets are \$15. Information can be found at <https://qsotodayhamexpo.com>

Vice President's Report

Jeff N8ADX – no report

Committee Reports

❖ Membership & Attendance

- Ken K8DQ
As of February 18, 2023 there is one (1) life member, one (1) new license member, and forty-one (41) paid members, totaling forty-three (43) active members. Ken K8DQ will be sending out renewal reminders again to expired members.

❖ Repeater Management

- Ron WE8V
Russ W8ATA recently visited the repeater site and reported equipment and facilities at Horn's Hill are in good order. However, it appears that someone has cut a hole in the chain link fence surrounding the tower. The situation was reported to the Newark Parks Department for follow up.

Russ W8ATA is contacting the FAA regarding the tower lighting requirements and is forwarding his findings to the City of Newark, as they are responsible for tower lighting.



❖ ARES / Emergency Management

- Bret KD8SCL
The CRRC Winter Run – Timbuk Challenge in Granville was a great success. Thank you to all who participated or volunteered. A special callout to Alan N8CJ for his organization and Matt KE8GTP for sharing net control responsibilities with Bret KD8SCL. It was also noted that a power interruption occurred during the event. Bret KD8SCL and Matt KE8GTP were able to quickly react with portable power packs and an inverter. The hosting facility followed up with generators, keeping radios and supporting equipment in continuous duty throughout the event.

There were 210 registered to participate in the run, and 199 actually participated! There were 8 hams who volunteered in the communication support for the event.

NVIS Day is April 22, 2023, 10am – 4pm Eastern time. Details at https://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/nvis_day.html

ARES leadership is planning an in-person conference to be announced

Hamvention 2023 is May 19 – 21. Details at <https://hamvention.org>

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

❖ CERT

- Mike WD8JLP
A recent ARRL E-Newsletter reported that CERT and ARES were combining efforts to provide volunteer services in the event of a disaster

Three new on-line CERT programs are coming available. Please contact Mike WD8JLP if you're interested in additional information.

❖ History & Archives

- No report



❖ Social & Reception

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

❖ Education & Programs

- Ken K8DQ
This evening's program: **ARRL: Identifying Power Line Noise**
March: **A review of the Web Committee's Analysis & Recommendations**
April: **TBD**
May: **TBD**
June: **Field Day 2023 Planning**
July: **Power Pole & PL-259 Connections – Weldon Mathews, K8NQ**
August: **TBD**
September: **TBD**
October: **TBD**
November: **TBD**
December: **Annual Holiday Part & 2024 Elections**

Earl W8BR reported that the recent VE session experienced a 100% pass rate with six total persons sitting for exams. There were three successful upgrades, and three successful new license issues.

The current Technician Licensing course began Saturday, February 11th. Nine people enrolled in the class and six participated. Some of those absent had informed Earl in advance that they might miss the first class.

Outside of participants in Arkansas, Dayton and Cleveland, all enrollees are from Licking and surrounding counties.

Classes will run through April 15th, culminating in a VE session on April 22, 2023.

❖ Website Committee

- Ken K8DQ
The committee has conducted extensive analysis and research of present web site resources, membership feedback and third-party user experience (UX) and usability analysis. A report of goals and recommendations has been built, along with a proof-of-concept (POC) website and sample content. The committee will present its findings and recommendations at the March 2023 meeting for consideration by the membership. We have not made ANY changes to the present website until the membership has had the opportunity to provide feedback.



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Old Business

Mike WD8JLP reminded us that the trustees are responsible for filling the Station License trustee role. A reminder that this person is responsible for maintaining the club's station license in good order, and needs to be present during utilization of the club's station call at any special event, including but not limited to Field Day. The by-laws also require the license trustee hold a valid Amateur Extra license from the FCC.

Based on nominations from the floor, and consent from Ron WE8V, Ron was appointed Station License Trustee and will contact Earl W8BR to make the transfer of responsibility.

New Business

Ron WE8V presented the 2023 annual budget proposed by the Officers & Trustees. The total expenditures for the year are budgeted to be \$1,200. A motion was made by Bret KD8SCL to accept the budget as proposed. The motion was seconded by Beau KD8FVV. Following a vote, the motion carried, and the budget was adopted.

Discussion seeking a member at large to serve on the Finance Committee was tabled until a larger representation of membership was present for the discussion.

Weldon K8NQ made a motion to renew the authorization for the Repeater Management Committee to spend up to \$300 without prior authorization for any expense related to the emergency maintenance of the club's repeater assets. It was further stipulated that it did not waive the need to present proper receipts and documentation for such expenditures. The motion was seconded by Ken K8DQ. Following a vote, the motion carried and was adopted by membership.

Beau KD8FVV reminded those with "urgent" reimbursement or spending requests should contact him, or Ron WE8V directly, as they both hold debit cards which make the transaction processing and recording process more streamlined. Both officers also have check signing authority in the event a manual disbursement is necessary.



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Beau KD8FVV pointed out there would be a conflict between Hamvention 2023 and our scheduled business meeting and program in May. Accordingly, Beau KD8FVV motioned that the May business meeting and program be moved to the second Saturday, May 13, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mary Beth KD8OMU. Following a vote, the motion passed and was adopted.

Swap & Shop

No listings

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

Adjournment

Jeff N8ADX motioned for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Mike WD8JLP followed by a vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM.



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Program

Ken K8DQ shared a presentation **ARRL: Identifying Power Line Noise** The program may be viewed online at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mD4GHckMepU&list=PLcQrkKpNwoLcTCgohe2SyA8LpHZfs9jdH&index=4>

Following the program there was active discussion about other member experiences with power line noise, troubleshooting, resolution and local resources available to assist.

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