



Newark Amateur Radio Association



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Business Meeting Minutes

March 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 6:00pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, members and guests introduced themselves to the group. A total of twenty-five (25) members and guests attended the meeting in person or online.

Attendance

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| Mike WD8JLP | Ron WE8V | Rob W8KOU | Matthew KE8GTP |
| Jerad N8HHR | Beau KD8FVV | James W3VPK | LaVergne N8HLP |
| Mary Kay KE8UUN | Terry KE8UUO | Jeff N8ADX | Fritz WD8E |
| Gene AE8GS | Dick W8RLL | Micki KE8UQP | Ken K8DQ |
| John K9ULO | Jacob KE8GRR | Mike KD8DZ | Bret KD8SCL |
| Earl W8BR | Weldon K8NQ | Mary Beth KD8OMU | Steve N8WL |
| Connie WD8ODC | | | |

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Prior to the meeting, the minutes of the February 2023 NARA business meeting had been posted on the NARA Website and electronically distributed to the members. Additions to the minutes were noted. A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Mike WD8JLP and seconded by Beau KD8FVV. Following a vote, the motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report

Beau KD8FVV provided an accounting of current balance of all bank accounts. A motion to approve the report was made by James W3VPK and seconded by LaVergne N8HLP. Following a vote, the motion was approved.



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Presidents' Report

Ron WE8V:

During last month's meeting, it was overlooked that Matthew KE8GTP provided extensive support during the CRRC Winter Run. Ron WE8V thanked Matthew for his support at the event.

ARRL – Amateur Digital Communication Communications organization has announced a \$421K+ grant to the FreeDV Project for a project to enhance HF digital voice with FreeDV. Information can be found at: <https://freedv.org/>

There is an upcoming weather spotting class in April.

Fritz WD8E is moving and has a tower, rotor and antenna for sale.

The upcoming VE session is April 22nd.

The May business meeting and program will be moved to May 13th (a week early) to avoid any conflicts for those wishing to attend Hamvention 2023, which spans the weekend of the 20th.

Jeff N8ADX, Vice President will be running the April meeting, as Ron WE8V will not be able to attend.

Vice President's Report

Jeff N8ADX

Jeff N8ADX will be sending out emails to members of the ham luncheon email list to see when they want to resume the weekly ham luncheons. If you're interested in participating and you are not already on the email list, you can submit your contact information on the club website at <https://n8ara.org/www/Contact>



Committee Reports

❖ Membership & Attendance

- Ken K8DQ

As of March 18, 2023 there is one (1) Life member, one (1) New License member, one (1) Associate member, six (6) Family members, and thirty-eight (38) Active members, totaling forty-seven (47) members on the active roster. Ken K8DQ will be sending out renewal reminders again to expired members.

❖ Repeater Management

- No report

❖ ARES / Emergency Management

- Bret KD8SCL

Skywarn training will be 3/21/2023 @ 6:00 PM at the Newark administration building. Registration is not required to attend.

Severed Weather Week is next week. There will be a statewide tornado drill, and Alen N8CJ will be conducting a net on the 146.88Mhz repeater during the event.

NVIS day is 4/22/2023 @ 10 AM – 4 PM. This year we will include participation from OHDEN and OSSBN. Information is available at: https://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/nvis_day.html

❖ CERT

- Mike WD8JLP

CERT will be participating in the upcoming Skywarn training event

There is an upcoming Air Evac class. See Mike WD8JLP for additional information.

There will be a CERT meeting on 3/24/2023 @ 6 PM at the administration building on Wilson Street in Newark.

There are currently no new CERT training dates. Mike WD8JLP will be inquiring about future training opportunities.



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Matthew KE8GTP provided an update on the CERT/ARES communications trailer

❖ History & Archives

- No report

❖ Social & Reception

- No report
Ron WE8V extended many thanks to Mary Beth KD8OMU for her long-time support and effort of the social committee.

❖ Education & Programs

- Ken K8DQ
This evening's program: **NARA Internet Presence Report**
April: **NASA Chief Gives Serious Warning About Major Solar Storm**
May: **How to Build Ham Radio 2-Meter Quarter Wave Antenna**
June: **Field Day 2023 Planning**
July: **Power Pole & PL-259 Connections – Weldon Mathews, K8NQ**
August: **Stealth HF Antenna the HOA Will Never Find**
September: **The Carrington Event – A Short Documentary**
October: **My Go-To Antenna TH07's 80-6M No Tuner Needed HOA**
November: **2-Meter Radio Antenna Homemade**
December: **Annual Holiday Part & 2024 Elections**

* Programs / schedule subject to change. If you have a program idea, or would like to present a program, please contact Ken K8DQ

Earl W8BR reported that there are six active participants in the current training class. Some are current NARA members, and we hope to see some license upgrades among the graduates.

Our next VE session is 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 in lieu of a program this evening.



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Old Business

Mike WD8JLP reported that the NARA club license has been transferred to the new trustee Ron WE8V.

New Business

Following the presentation of the Website committee finding & recommendations, and the Proof of Concept (POC) website, and recommendations from Earl W8BR a motion was made by Bret KD8SCL to push the POC website into production and begin transferring historical content from the Joomla website into the new Typesetter CMS framework. The motion was seconded by Mike KD8DZ. Following a vote, the motion carried. Ken K8DQ will complete the necessary work to place the site into production and convert the PayPal integration from sandbox mode to production mode.

Swap & Shop

Fritz WD8E has a Telex Hy-Gain heavy duty 55' crank-up tower, a Ham IV Tail Twister rotator, and a Mosley Pro-57 beam for sale. It is currently still in operation and will need to be dismantled and moved. Please contact Fritz if you are interested. If you would like to reach Fritz and don't have contact information, you may contact secretary@n8ara.org and your information will be forwarded to Fritz.

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

Beau KD8FVV motioned for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Jeff N8ADX followed by a vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Program

Ken K8DQ shared a presentation **N8ARA.ORG – An analysis of the Newark Amateur Radio Association’s Internet presence**

Following the program there was active discussion about the analysis & recommendations

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