



Newark Amateur Radio Association



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Business Meeting Minutes

September 16, 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. Nine (9) members and guests attended the meeting in person or online.

Attendance

Ken K8DQ	Beau KD8FVV	Jeff N8ADX	Ron WE8V
Mike KD8DZ	Mike WD8JLP	Bret KD8SCL	Matthew KE8GTP
Dick W8RLL			

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Before the meeting, the minutes of the August 2023 NARA business meeting had been posted on the NARA Website and electronically distributed to the members. No additions or corrections to the minutes were noted. A motion to accept the minutes as published 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 the current balance of all bank accounts and expenditures through August 31, 2023. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Bret KD8SCL and seconded by Jeff N8ADX. Following a vote, the motion was approved.



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Presidents' Report

Ron WE8V:

Russ Payne inquired about recent activity on the repeater that was outside the normal pattern of use. Others discussed a sequence of activity on the repeater from a group travelling through the area. The consensus is that there is no cause for alarm.

Legend Valley is expecting ~85K visitors for the opening of a new pedestrian bridge. Travel in that area may be difficult during the event.

Vice President's Report

Jeff N8ADX

No report

Committee Reports

❖ Membership & Attendance

Ken K8DQ:

As of 9/16/2023, there are 61 active members on the club roster.

❖ Repeater Management

Bret KD8SCL reports that a meeting with the EMA is scheduled next week to discuss the Horns Hill tower and repeater location.



❖ **ARES / Emergency Management**

Bret KD8SCL

Bret recently attended the Louisville, KY Hamfest to represent Ohio ARES. The event was also attended by ARRL representative Josh Johnson who announced upcoming changes to ARES training. Kentucky is struggling to grow participation in ARES, citing difficulty with near-range communications among the hills of Kentucky. Conversation regarding alternative communications methods included ideas for NVIS, message relay, HF communications and digital modes.

The Ohio S.E.T. will be on October 7th. Amateurs are encouraged to send a message to the state EOC station via RF modes.

Alan N8CJ is planning a local S.E.T. event. More information is forthcoming.

Preparations are underway for the 2024 solar eclipse event.

❖ **CERT**

Mike WD8JLP

A search and rescue exercise will be conducted on September 30th from 09:00 – 12:00 in St. Louisville.

The CERT/ARES trailer upgrades are nearly complete. Recognition was given to all who provided time and resources to make the upgrades.

❖ **History & Archives**

No report

❖ **Social & Reception**

No report



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❖ Education & Programs

Upcoming Programs:

October: **Power Pole & PL-259 Connections – Weldon Mathews, K8NQ**

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

Old Business

No location has been selected for the club picnic, and it has been suggested that we consider moving it to 2024, as summer will soon end in central Ohio and there is limited time for planning and communication this year.

Dick W8RLL suggesting combining the picnic with FD 2024 and consider a location like the North Shore of Buckeye Lake where considerable non-amateur traffic could attract curiosity. The Field Day committee, and Ron WE8V will explore alternate locations and opportunities for greater public exposure. All agreed that early planning will be key to making FD2024 a successful event.

New Business

No new business

Swap & Shop

FOR SALE: Telex Hy-Gain heavy duty 55' free-standing crank up tower, Ham IV Tail Twister rotator and Mosley Pro-57 beam. Equipment and tower must be taken down and removed from the premises. Please contact Fritz WD8E or [leave your contact information here](#) and we will forward it to Fritz.

FOR SALE: Icom IC-718 with box, mic cords, LDG-PAC cable, Raskcal GLX Mark V, OPC-599 and small fan that hooks up for extra ventilation when operating digi. \$500.

Ameritron AL-811 with new tubes \$600.

Pick it up, try it out. Contact Darrin KB8ECF (740) 404-6367



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Announcements

- There have been several enhancements to the Volunteer Ham website. All are encouraged to update their user profiles. Users can also upload their training / certification histories to the website. Visit the website at <https://volunteerham.com/> or from the club website <https://n8ara.org>
- 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

Mike WD8JLP made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bret KD8SCL followed by a vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.



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Program

Due to low attendance, the group chose to forgo the planned program in exchange for socializing.

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Please send additions or corrections to secretary@n8ara.org

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