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Business Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2024

Call to Order

The meeting was held at the St Leonard Catholic Church, 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. Nineteen (19) members and guests attended the meeting in person. There were no attendees online.

Attendance

Ken K8DQ	Beau KD8FVV	Ron WE8V	Terry KE8UUO
Mary Kay KE8UUN	Jeff N8ADX	LaVergne N8HLP	Bret KD8SCL
Don KE8OUJ	Joe WB6ELL	Mike WD8JLP	Dick W8RLL
Tom W8EOG	Fritz WD8E	Stephen KA8HKC	Weldon K8NQ
Micki KE8UQP	John N8ALB	Thom AD8AG	

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Before the meeting, the minutes of the December 2023 NARA business meeting were 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 Joe WB6ELL. 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 December 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:

1. Winter Field Day 2024

a. Winter Field Day (WFD), sponsored by the Winter Field Day Association, is scheduled to run from 1900 UTC (2:00pm EST) on Saturday, January 27, through 1859 UTC (1:59pm EST) on Sunday, January 28. WFD is held on the last full weekend in January and is a communications exercise that can be worked from the comfort of your home or in a remote location. You can participate by yourself, with your friends and family, or with a local club.

b. WFD is open to participants worldwide. Amateur radio operators may use frequencies on the HF, VHF, or UHF bands and are free to use any mode that can faithfully transmit the required exchange intact. Similar to ARRL's Field Day, bonus points are earned in several ways, including from using non-commercial power sources, operating from remote locations, making satellite contacts, and more.

c. WFD is designed to help increase your level of preparedness for disasters and for you to improve and practice your operating skills in winter environments, as the potential for freezing temperatures, snow, ice, and other hazards present unique operating conditions. Also, remember to mark your calendar for 2024 ARRL Field Day on June 22 - 23. For additional information, visit Field Day (arrl.org).

2. Possible loss of using St. Leonard for meeting place and for License exams.

a. No info on when the Red Cross building will be available.

b. The Bishop is making a special announcement at Mass this Sunday Morning.

c. If we need to consider relocation of meeting site:

i. The large meeting room at the Licking County Library may be available on Saturday mornings or afternoons. --- No charge.



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ii. Possibly check on OSU Newark Campus to see if a meeting room would be available on Saturday mornings or afternoons.

3. Field Day 2024

a. Need to firm up participants and location.

b. If no interest is expressed by February 1st, I am going to reserve, for the NARA annual picnic:

i. the large shelter house at "Geller Park" in Heath for Saturday, June 22nd from noon until 9pm (\$70.00)

ii. or, TJ Evans Family Park, Shelter House #3, --- (\$40.00 - Rental Waved for NARA)

c. NARA picnic at 5pm

d. I will set up an FD station at the chosen location and operate it between 2-8pm. It will be available for others to operate.

4. NARA tee shirts.

a. Got Gear 4 U, 738 West Main Street, Newark, OH

i. Tee shirt with NARA Logo front & Back = approx. \$20

Vice President's Report

Jeff N8ADX

No report



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Committee Reports

❖ **Membership & Attendance**

Ken K8DQ:

As of 1/20/2024, there are 29 active members on the club roster.

❖ **Repeater Management**

Weldon K8NQ reports that Russ W8ATA remains under care at Altercare in Newark.

❖ **ARES / Emergency Management**

Bret KD8SCL reports that the tower project on Horns Hill is moving forward and construction will begin in March 2024.

Timbuk Farms Winter event on Sunday, February 18th from 1 – 4PM. Volunteers are needed to provide communications.

FLDigi Net is now active. Alan N8CJ will be distributing additional information.

April 8th Solar Eclipse – Sean W1GDY is seeking communications volunteers for the event.

Support is needed for the Ohio HF Net. You must hold a General Class or higher ticket to participate. Help is needed on-site at the Ohio EMA. Contact Bret KD8SCL for information.

❖ **CERT**

No report



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❖ **Website**

No report

❖ **Programs & Education**

Ken K8DQ – Program for this evening is Winter Field Day 2024 by Steve Bossert K2GOG. The lineup of programs for 2024 is forthcoming.

A VE Session will be conducted at St. Leonard classroom on Saturday, April 27th. Please contact Earl W8BR if you are interested in registering for an exam. Registration is required, walk-ins will not be accepted.

❖ **History & Archives**

Weldon K8NQ reports that Mary Beth KD8OMU is hoping to have a meeting with committee members soon. An existing archive of paper documents will be sent to Beau KD8FVV, who has volunteered to scan and archive the documents.

❖ **Social & Reception**

Coffee & refreshments were provided for the meeting

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

- After a lengthy discussion regarding Field Day 2024, it was decided that additional planning was needed to finalize location, participation and operating times. Lavergne N8HLP made a motion to authorize Ron WE8V to reserve both Horns Hill Park and Flint Ridge Park with the option of cancelling either reservation prior to Field Day. The motion was seconded by Mike WD8JLP. Following a vote, the motion

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passed and Ron WE8V advised he would contact the parks accordingly.

- Beau KD8FVW advised that the club's insurance policy has not been renewed for an extended period of time. After much discussion, a motion was made by Ken K8DQ to authorize Beau KD8FVW to investigate prior policy details for coverage details and premium prices and purchase new insurance with a premium not to exceed \$350 annually. The motion was seconded by Jeff N8ADX. Following a vote, the motion was passed.

Swap & Shop

- No new 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



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Adjournment

Bret KD8SCL made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mike WD8JLP followed by a vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Program

A video presentation "**Official 2024 Non-Technical Winter Field Day Overview**" by Steve Bossert K2GOG from the Ulster & Northern Dutchess Readiness Group was presented. The video can be viewed at: [2024 Winter Field Day Preparation and Planning Presentation \(youtube.com\)](#)

Officers & Trustees

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Committee Members

Committees 2024	Chair			
17.1 Membership and Attendance Comm.	Ken K8DQ	Beau KD8FVV		
17.2 Education Committee	Earl W8BR	Ken K8DQ	Thom AD8AG	
17.3 Social and Reception Committee	Mary B KD8OMU			
17.4 Repeater Management Comm.	Russ W8ATA	Tom WB8YOK	Jeff N8ADX	
17.5 Nominating Committee	Lavergne N8HLP	Mike WD8JLP	Weldon K8NQ	
17.6 Public Relations Committee	Jeff N8ADX	Ron WE8V		
17.7 Finance Committee	Beau KD8FVV	Lavergne N8HLP	Mike WD8JLP	Fred NL7CF
17.8 Program Committee	Ken K8DQ	Beau KD8FVV	Jeff N8ADX	Ron WE8V
17.9 Emergency Coordination Comm.	Alan N8CJ	Bret KD8SCL	Lavergne N8HLP	
17.10 Field Day Committee	Jeff N8ADX	Ron WE8V		
17.11 Web Site Committee	Ken K8DQ	Beau KD8FVV	James W3VPK	Earl W8BR - Advisor
17.12 Equipment Management Comm.	Jeff N8ADX	Ken K8DQ	Mike WD8JLP	
CERT Committee	Mike WD8JLP	Lavergne N8HLP		

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Please send additions or corrections to secretary@n8ara.org

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