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Business Meeting Minutes

February 17, 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. Eleven (11) members and guests attended the meeting in person. There were no attendees online.

Attendance

Ken K8DQ	Beau KD8FVV	Ron WE8V	Weldon K8NQ
Mary Kay KE8UUN	Jeff N8ADX	Joe WB6ELL	Mike WD8JLP
Sean KF8ADO	Dick W8RLL	Don KE8OUJ	

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Before the meeting, the minutes of the January 2024 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 Weldon K8NQ and seconded by Jeff N8ADX. 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 January 31, 2024. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Jeff N8ADX and seconded by Mike WD8JLP. Following a vote, the motion was approved.



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Presidents' Report

Ron WE8V:

1. Fr. Bill is on administrative leave from the Church, and some events have been planned that will conflict with future meeting dates for NARA. Specifically, the months of March and May will present challenges. A motion was made by Weldon K8NQ to move the March meeting to 3/23 (4th weekend) and the May meeting to 5/11 (2nd weekend). The motion was seconded by Beau KD8FVV. Following a vote, the motion passed. Ken K8DQ will update the club website and announcements.
2. Winter Run is February 18th. Maps will be available at the meeting.
3. Eclipse day information is available on the Ohio EMA website at <https://ema.ohio.gov/media-publications/ohio-total-solar-eclipse>
4. The first amateur radio station on the moon has gone live. Information can be found at <https://www.arrl.org/news/the-first-amateur-radio-station-on-the-moon-js1ymg-is-now-transmitting>



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Vice President's Report

Jeff N8ADX

Ham luncheons are well attended with an average attendance of 10 participants. Be sure to check the club website calendar for dates and locations. If you want to be on the email distribution list for ham luncheons, please contact Jeff N8ADX.

Committee Reports

❖ **Membership & Attendance**

Ken K8DQ:

As of 2/17/2024, there are 38 paid / life members on the club roster.

❖ **Finance Committee**

No report

❖ **Field Day Committee**

- Beau KD8FVV shared his Winder Field Day 2024 experience from Dillon State Park.

❖ **Equipment Management Committee**

Need an inventory of repeater equipment



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❖ **Repeater Management**

Tom WD8YOK was unaware of recent developments regarding the Horns Hill tower. Alternative locations are available if the NARA repeaters need to be moved.

The club is currently without a liaison in the absence of Russ W8ATA.

Bret KD8SCL is working directly with the EMA. Ron WE8V will talk with Tom & Bret to coordinate the acquisition of a UHF antenna for the new tower at Horns Hill.

❖ **ARES / Emergency Management**

No report

❖ **CERT**

No report

❖ **Website**

Modifications to the website will be made to show expired memberships on the roster to allow people to better understand if dues have been paid or not.

❖ **Programs & Education**

Ken K8DQ – Program for this evening is What to Expect for Solar Eclipse (April 8th, 2024).

❖ **History & Archives**

No report



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❖ **Social & Reception**

Coffee & refreshments were provided for the meeting

Old Business

- Beau KD8FVV obtained a liability policy for the club through the ARRL insurance program. The annual premium is \$200 for \$2,000,000 of liability coverage. Check with Beau KD8FVV for policy details.
- After much discussion during multiple meetings, as well as polling by email, members are leaning toward an alternate location for Field Day. Ken K8DQ also suggested that the new tower construction activity on Horns Hill may preclude access during Field Day 2024. Ken K8DQ made a motion to authorize Ron WE8V to reserve Flint Ridge Park with a \$30 non-refundable security deposit and cancel our reservation for Horns Hill Park. The motion was seconded by Mike WD8JLP. Following a vote, the motion was carried.

New Business

- Ron WE8V is scheduling an officers meeting on March 23 prior to the business meeting and program.
- Weldon K8NQ made a motion to authorize a \$50 donation to St Leonard Church for the use of the social hall. The motion was seconded by Mary Beth KD8OMU. Following a vote, the motion was carried. Beau KD8FVV will issue a check to Ron WE8V who will deliver the check to the Church.
- A motion was made by Ken K8DQ to authorize Ron WE8V to begin discovery and appointment of liaison officials of the club to work with



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appropriate authorities of the new tower construction at Horns Hill to represent the club's interests and ensure the continuous, uninterrupted operation of the club's repeaters. The motion was seconded by Mary Beth KD8OMU. Following a vote, the motion was carried.

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

Adjournment

Jeff N8ADX made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mike WD8JLP followed by a vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.



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Program

A video presentation **“What to Expect for the Total Solar Eclipse”** by Bray Falls of Astrofalls Photography was presented. The video can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLPGUIjEEMk>

Officers & Trustees

President Ron Jones, WE8V	Vice President Jeff Davis, N8ADX
Secretary Ken Hagans, K8DQ	Treasurer R. Beau Pineda, KD8FVV
Trustee 2021-23 Mike Neal, WD8JLP	Trustee 2022-24 Lavergne Pabian, N8HLP
Trustee 2023-25 Bret Stemen, KD8SCL	N8ARA License Trustee Ron Jones, WE8V
Licking Co. ARES Coordinator Alan Rothweiler, N8CJ	Past President C. Weldon Mathews, K8NQ



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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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