



Business Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2024

Call to Order

The meeting was held at the St Leonard Catholic Church. A Zoom session was not hosted due to some logistical challenges at the Church. 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	Don KE8OUJ	LaVergne N8HLP	Bret KD8SCL
Beau KD8FVV	Jeff N8ADX	Mike WD8JLP	Alan N8CJ
Dick W8RLL	Gene AE8GS	Ron WE8V	

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Before the meeting, the minutes of the February 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 LaVergne N8HLP and seconded by Bret KD8SCL. Following a vote, the motion was passed.

Please send additions or corrections to:

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Treasurer's Report

Beau KD8FVV provided an accounting of the current balance of all bank accounts and expenditures through February 29, 2024. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Jeff N8ADX and seconded by LaVergne N8HLP. Following a vote, the motion was approved.

Presidents's Report

Ron WE8V:

1. Severe weather training by the National Weather Service will be held at the Licking County Administration Building (Basement) 20 S. 2nd St. Newark, Ohio 43055 on April 18th at 18:00.
2. Officers meeting this evening covered the following topics:
 - a. 2024 Budget
 - b. Club T-Shirts
 - c. ARES members representing the club at NWS training
 - d. Field Day locations / reservations / planning
 - e. Simplex exercise
 - f. Keys to the repeater facility on Horns Hill
 - g. Tower & antenna project on Horns Hill
 - h. Appointment of Bret KD8SCL as club liaison with EMA to represent the club's interests in the tower project

Vice President's Report

Jeff N8ADX provided an update on the successful attendance at club luncheons.

Jeff N8ADX and Ron WE8V will be visiting the Horns Hill repeater room to collect a current inventory of equipment and will provide it to Beau KD8FVV so we can explore options for insuring those assets.

Committee Reports

❖ **Membership & Attendance**

Ken K8DQ:

As of 3/23/2024, there are 45 paid / life members on the club roster. An additional reminder email is forthcoming to encourage re-enrollment

❖ **Finance Committee**

No report

❖ **Field Day Committee**

- Ron WE8V has secured reservations for the 2024 Field Day event and is working to coordinate the club picnic.
- Reservations for Horns Hill were cancelled

❖ **Equipment Management Committee**

An inventory of repeater equipment will be provided for insurance purposes (See VP report)

❖ **Repeater Management**

No report

❖ **ARES / Emergency Management**

Alan, N8CJ - EMA / ARES needs operators for the eclipse event. Please contact Alan for additional information or to participate

4/18 Skywarn training session at the administration building in Newark (See President's report for details)

4/27 is NVIS Day for Ohio ARES. 10AM - 4PM

Effective 4/1 the ARRL ARES courses have been updated for Introductory and Intermediate training.

Thank you to all who helped with the weather net last week.

❖ **CERT**

Mike WD8JLP - lots of new opportunities to be engaged with CERT. See Mike WD8JLP for details on upcoming events (5/30, 6/5, 7/10, 8/24, 9/18, 10/9, 11/6)

The club received an update on the enhanced communications capabilities in the communications trailer.

LaVergne N8HLP - CERT is investigating who is / should be providing liability coverage for the comms trailer.

❖ **Website**

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

❖ **Programs & Education**

Work on building a log of programs for 2024 is underway. We will be seeking participation in presenting programs locally that will appeal to new hams and encourage growth of the membership base and meeting attendance.

❖ **History & Archives**

No report

❖ **Social & Reception**

Coffee & refreshments were provided for the meeting

Old Business

- An updated budget for 2024 was provided to the membership. It was highlighted that the budget is greater than annual revenues for the organization. General discussion revolved around growing our membership base, and engaging corporate and community support to cover major expenses that the club might incur.

New Business

- In addition to the Basic Skywarn training in Newark, there is an Advanced Skywarn training session sponsored by the Central Ohio Severe Weather Network on April 20th 9A - 12:30P at Mt Carmel East. Registration is required. Details at <http://coswn.org>. You can also see Beau KD8FVV or Ken K8DQ for details or registration.

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

Bret KD8SCL made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by LaVergne N8HLP followed by a vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Program

Because many of the attendees were also at the board meeting, the group decided to forgo the planned presentation for the evening. A program will be shared following the April meeting.

Officers & Trustees:

President: Ron Jones, WE8V
Vice President: Jeff Davis, N8ADX
Secretary: Ken Hagans, K8DQ
Treasurer: Beau Pineda, KD8FVV

Trustee 2022 - 2024: LaVergne Pabian, N8HLP
Trustee 2023 - 2025: Bret Stemen, KD8SCL
Trustee 2024 - 2026: Mike Neal, WD8JLP

N8ARA License Trustee: Ron Jones, WE8V

Licking County ARES Coordinator: Alan Rothweiler, N8CJ

Past President: C. Weldon Mathews, K8NQ

Committee Members

Membership & Attendance: Ken Hagans, K8DQ*
Beau Pineda, KD8FVV

Education: Earl Paazig, W8BR*
Ken Hagans, K8DQ
Thom Thorpe, AD8AG

Social & Reception: Mary Beth Mathews, KD8OMU*

Repeater Management: Russ Payne, W8ATA*
Tom Ecleberry, WB8YOK
Jeff Davis, N8ADX

Nominating & Elections: LaVergne Pabian, N8HLP*
Mike Neal, WD8JLP
Weldon Mathews, K8NQ

Public Relations: Jeff Davis, N8ADX*
Ron Jones, WE8V

Finance: Beau Pineda, KD8FVW*
LaVergne Pabian, N8HLP
Mike Neal, WD8JLP
Fred Nickerson, NL7CF

Programs: Ken Hagans, K8DQ*
Beau Pineda, KD8FVW
Jeff Davis, N8ADX
Ron Jones, WE8V

Emergency Coordination: Alan Rothweiler, N8CJ*
Bret Stemen, KD8SCL
LaVergne Pabian, N8HLP

Field Day: Jeff Davis, N8ADX*
Ron Jones, WE8V

Web Site: Ken Hagans, K8DQ*
Beau Pineda, KD8FVW
James Garfalo, W3VPK
Earl Paazig, W8BR (advisor)

Equipment Management: Jeff Davis, N8ADX*
Ken Hagans, K8DQ
Mike Neal, WD8JLP

CERT: Mike Neal, WD8JLP*
LaVergne Pabian, N8HLP