



## Business Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2024

### Call to Order

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The meeting was held at the St Leonard Catholic Church. A Zoom session was hosted for those choosing to attend remotely. 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. Fourteen (14) members and guests attended the meeting in person and online.

### Attendance

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Ken K8DQ	Jerad N8HHR	Beau KD8FVV	Mike WD8JLP
Dick W8RLL	Jeff N8ADS	Tom WB8YOK	Bret KD8SCI
Terry KE8UUO	Micki KE8UQP	Nathan KE0RYO	Ron WE8V
LaVergne N8HLP	Tim KA8PCP		

### Minutes of the Last Meeting

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Before the meeting, the minutes of the March 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 Beau KD8FVV 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**

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Beau KD8FVW provided an accounting of the current balance of all bank accounts and expenditures through March 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.

## **Presidents's Report**

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Ron WE8V:

1. Two NARA T-Shirts were left over (unclaimed) from a previous T-Shirt fundraiser. They are available free of charge to anyone in attendance.
2. A Field Day picnic sign-up sheet will be distributed by email. Please indicate what items you will be able to provide for the picnic.
3. Reminder that the May business meeting will be held on the **second Saturday** (5/11) due to a scheduling conflict at the Church.

## **Vice President's Report**

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Jeff N8ADX provided an update on the successful attendance at club luncheons, with an average attendance of ten participants.

## **Committee Reports**

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### **❖ Membership & Attendance**

Ken K8DQ:

As of 4/20/2024, there are 48 paid / life members on the club roster.

### ❖ **Finance Committee**

No report

### ❖ **Field Day Committee**

No report

### ❖ **Equipment Management Committee**

An inventory of repeater equipment has been provided to Beau KD8FVW for consideration of equipment insurance coverage.

### ❖ **Repeater Management**

Tom WB8YOK reported that Computer Automated Technologies, the company that produced the EPROM for our GE repeaters is now out of business. If the battery were to expire in one of the repeater controllers, it would leave the repeater inoperable. The EPROM is a common chip, and Tom will work with another technician to see if we can copy the programming from the chip for future cloning.

The repeater call sign will be changed to N8ARA and the club license trustee will now be accountable for repeater operation.

Bret KD8SCL reported that the Licking County EMA has indicated the tower project is currently on hold due to administrative delays within the Ohio MARCS system.

### ❖ **ARES / Emergency Management**

Bret KD8SCI reports that Alan N8CJ thanked all who actively participate in our recent weather nets. To date, Ohio has experienced 35 tornado events in 2024 (5 last Wednesday) putting Ohio at the top of the list for tornadic activity in 2024 thus far.

The Skywarn training session in Newark was a success with ~35 in attendance.

An Advanced Skywarn training session was hosted by the Central Ohio Severe Weather Network (COSWN) at Mt. Carmel East. There were > 120 in attendance.

ARES Conference 2024 will be held at the Ohio Fire Academy. Additional details are forthcoming.

NVIS Day is April 27th, 10a - 4p. Details:

<https://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/nvis/Ohio%202024%20ARES%20NVIS%20Day%20Details%20Revised.pdf>

NARA will sponsor a VE session at St. Leonard Church on Saturday, April 27th. Please contact Earl W8BR if you are interested in sitting for an exam. Pre-registration is required.

#### ❖ **CERT**

Mike WD8JLP -Training event scheduled for last Wednesday way canceled due to the sever weather.

Several CERT members were present for the Skywarn training event in Newark

CERT is seeking volunteers for the upcoming Air Show. Please contact Mike WD8JLP for additional information.

#### ❖ **Website**

No new updates

#### ❖ **Programs & Education**

The program for April is a video presentation Deciphering Decibels by Dave Casler, KE0OG

#### ❖ **History & Archives**

No report

#### ❖ **Social & Reception**

No report

## **Old Business**

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- Beau KD8FVV reported that after investigating the estimated replacement value of the club's present repeater equipment, the premiums for coverage would exceed any anticipated recovery we would receive from the policy. Those in attendance were in agreement that it's in the club's best interest to self-insure the repeater equipment at this time.

## **New Business**

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- Tom WB8YOK indicated that a bench test / repair jig for the GE Mastr III repeaters was available for purchase on eBay. The device would be useful for anyone needing to troubleshoot or repair the club's repeaters. Ken K8DQ made a motion to authorize the purchase of the equipment. The motion was seconded by Mike WD8JLP. Following discussion, there was a stipulation that the purchase be coordinated with Beau KD8FVV so that the club debit card could be used for the purchase to streamline the transaction and accounting. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

## **Swap & Shop**

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- No new listings

## **Announcements**

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- 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**

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Mike WD8JLP made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Tom WB8YOK. Following a vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

## **Program**

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Ken K8DQ shared a video presentation: Deciphering Decibels by Dave Casler, KE0OG

## 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, KD8FVV\*  
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