

Minutes -- ACARA April 20, 2004

Attendance:	Emily Bain	KC8YAE
	John Biddle	W8PG
	Mike Brown	AB8NA
	John Cornwell	NC8V
	Jim Crouse	KC8OVB
	Royce Holliday	KC8THI
	Scott Jarvis	AB8SQ
	John McCutcheon	N8XWO
	Drew McDaniel	W8MHV
	Eric McFadden	WD8RIF
	Rich Perry	AB8MY
	Richard E. Perry	WB8SYW
	John Thomas	KC8JWZ

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by President Drew McDaniel, W8MHV.

The minutes of the March meeting were accepted as published.

Treasurer Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, presented the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as distributed.

Old Business:

Athens Hamfest -- Sunday April 25, 8am to 1pm

W8MHV announced that he will be doing a walk-through of the Rec Center at 4pm on Thursday, April 22. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

NC8V reported that sixteen tables have been reserved, of which thirteen are pre-paid. W8MHV explained that the Rec Center can provide thirty-five tables and eight additional "old" tables. Is this enough tables? NC8V said that last year forty-four tables were sold. W8PG asked about the round tables: are they to be available again this year for the food vendor? Yes.

N8XWO asked if the Red Cross is doing the food concession. KC8OVB confirmed that they are.

W8MHV explained that since we can't set up the night before, set-up begins at 6am on Sunday morning. Everyone is encouraged to come at 6am to help. NC8V added that ticket-sales will need to begin at 6am, as well.

N8XWO will be bringing the parking cones.

NC8V asked for clear guidance on who gets in free. A lively discussion followed. The final verdict: non-licensed spouses and non-licensed people under 18 get in free.

WD8RIF asked about prizes. W8MHV replied that the main prize

is the \$100 bill and asked KC80VB to bring it and to get money to make change. W8MHV asked if the club should again give away the dollar coins. It was decided that it should.

KC80VB asked about the special hamfest-rate membership offer the club has made in the past. W8MHV confirmed that new members can get a membership for the remainder of the year for \$5.

#### Athens Marathon

KC80VB reported that there were twenty-one ham participants this year and speculated that this number might be a record. He thanked everyone who helped for their service. W8MHV thanked KC80VB for organizing the club's participation in the event.

#### Field Day

N8XWO reported that the club will be participating in a two-transmitter class, and will probably operate again at the Cornwell place.

W8MHV stated that we will start building a roster of operators at the May meeting.

#### New Business:

##### Broadband over Power Lines (BPL)

WD8RIF reported on BPL and played an audio recording of BPL interference in the HF spectrum.

#### Program:

KC8JWZ displayed his recently-acquired Polycom 6, a 6m AM transceiver.

W8MHV displayed his newly-built Elecraft KX1 HF CW transceiver.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm by W8MHV.

Respectively submitted, William McFadden, Secretary