

Minutes -- ACARA October 19, 2004

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| Attendance: | Nasseef Abukamail | AC8K   |
|             | Jim Crouse        | KC8OVB |
|             | Carl J. Denbow    | N8VZ   |
|             | John McCutcheon   | N8XWO  |
|             | Drew McDaniel     | W8MHV  |
|             | Eric McFadden     | WD8RIF |
|             | John O'Donnell    | KC8IFD |
|             | Rich Post         | KB8TAD |
|             | John Thomas       | KC8JWZ |
|             | Henri Zuber       | W3GYD  |

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm by President Drew McDaniel, W8MHV.

KC8OVB identified several errors in the minutes of the September meeting. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, presented the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as distributed. Membership is up to 53.

Old Business:

Ballots

KC8OVB opened and tabulated the ballots.

There were three write-ins:

2 for NS80 as packet node trustee;  
1 for WT8E as repeater trustee.

(There was a fourth write-in of W8KVK for packet node trustee, but Ted is currently not a paid member.)

Ballot results:

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| President            | W8MHV                         |
| Vice-president       | N8XWO                         |
| Treasurer            | KC8OVB                        |
| Secretary            | WD8RIF                        |
| Webmaster/Newsletter | N8SUZ                         |
| Repeater Trustee     | N8VZ                          |
| Packet Node Trustee  | NS80 (pending his acceptance) |

Repeater Advisory Team (RAT)

N8VZ reported that the RAT has not met since the last meeting. However, he hasn't noticed any strange behavior other than one occasion of what he thought was DX.

N8VZ reported that he heard an instance of someone parroting the repeater voice-ID.

Jamboree On the Air (JOTA) -- 0001L October 16 to 2359L October 17

N8XWO reported that no scouts visited his QTH.  
W8MHV reported the same.  
K8MMC wasn't present to comment on participation at his QTH.

#### License Class

N8XWO is building the schedule. The classes will begin the first week in January and the schedule will include an extra day at the end for "at-home" students and in case a session is missed due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. N8XWO asked for volunteers to help teach the classes.

#### 5PM 6AM Net

N8XWO reported on the activities of the weekly 6m AM Net. This net is for 6m AM "hollow state" (tube-type) rigs and is every Sunday at 5pm local-time on 50.7MHz. More participation is welcomed.

#### New Business:

##### CQ Worldwide DX Contest

W8MHV announced the upcoming CQ WW DX contests:

SSB : 0000 GMT October 30 to 2400 GMT October 31  
CW : 0000 GMT November 27 to 2400 GMT November 28

The ACARA will be doing a club entry for the SSB event. ACARA members participating are asked to notify N8XWO so that he submit the necessary club-participation paperwork.

##### ACARA Holiday Banquet

W8MHV asked that members begin thinking of a location for the December banquet. Last year's event at "Stephens" was expensive and members complained that the space wasn't conducive to visiting with other members.

N8VZ suggested that the OU Inn would probably cost about the same as "Stephens" did and it has more space. W8MHV will inquire.

KB8TAD suggested the Chinese buffet restaurant on Court Street. He pointed out that there is plenty of room and a good variety of food items. N8VZ pointed out that some club members might not prefer Chinese food. W8MHV will find out if the place can accomodate the club.

##### Informal Saturday Meetings

W8MHV reminded the membership of the weekly informal meetings at the Athens Bob Evans restaurant. The meetings are at 10am each Saturday.

Program: There was no program this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm by W8MHV.

Respectively submitted, William McFadden, Secretary