

Minutes -- ACARA April 19, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm by President Drew McDaniel, W8MHV

Minutes: The minutes from the March meeting were accepted as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, presented the Treasurer's Report, which was accepted.

Old Business:

Hocking College Spring Bike Tour:

Jennifer Cunningham attended the meeting to further discuss the communications needs of this event. This is a two day bicycle ride from Hocking College, to Lake Hope, and back to Hocking College. It takes place on May 14-15, and check-in is 9am on the 14th.

Ms. Cunningham has contacted the Sunday Creek group; they have expressed interest but haven't made a commitment.

A Hocking College van will be used for Sag. Six riders have signed up.

W8MHV asked about repeater coverage toward Lake Hope. KC8OVB suggested that the Vinton County repeater has better coverage there but there is an emergency drill in Vinton County on Saturday, W8MHV suggested that Bill Warthman's (WD8LWC) repeater has better coverage at Lake Hope than the ACARA machine does.

W8MHV suggested to Ms. Cunningham ask for volunteers. She passed around a sign-up sheet.

Marathon

KC8OVB reported that the event went well. He distributed t-shirts to those who worked the event. Newly-licensed KD8BDG (Claire) ran the Half-Marathon and worked the event.

Disaster Drill

KC8OVB reported that the April 2 Disaster Drill went well.

KC8OVB announced that the Athens Red Cross will be

participating in an exercise in Vinton County on May 14 from 8am to 2pm. (There is no Vinton County chapter of the Red Cross.)

W8PG asked if the repeater can still link to other repeaters. N8VZ thinks the controller supports this but the RF components are not on-site.

Hamfest

W8MHV reminded members that the Hamfest is on April 24.

N8VZ reported that twenty-four tables have been reserved. There is space for forty tables.

W8MHV reported that he has fielded some inquiries. One was from Lyle Farmer whose wife passed away last year from a stroke.

W8MHV will be doing another walk-through on Thursday at 3:30pm.

W8MHV has arranged to borrow forty cones. N8XWO will pick up and return them.

W8MHV asked about prizes. He had a conversation at the Jackson event that indicated that some consider our club to be "cheapskates" with the single \$100 main prize. N8VZ suggested the club offer a second \$100 main prize or two \$50 prizes. W8PG preferred the addition of two \$50 prizes. N8VZ thinks equipment makes better prizes than cash. The Jackson even had 2m mobile rigs and HTs. NC8V moved that the club offer as main prizes a single \$100 bill and two \$50 bills. N8XWO seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

W8MHV will donate some small items for door prizes.

N8VZ has learned that Radio Shack won't be attending the event since the warehouse store has no ham equipment.

KC80VB announced that MFJ sent a box of twelve mugs and three dual-time clocks. He suggested that W8PG take photos of the MFJ prize winners to send to MFJ. He suggested that next year we leave space on the flyer and postcard to list the prize donors. W8MHV said that this can be done.

W8MHV has not yet received the ARRL items to sell but has received literature. (Is this a change in

the ARRL policy?)

KC80VB asked how many dollar coins to get for check-in prizes. W8MHV said to get ten.

W8MHV discussed the duty roster.

NC8V said that signs need to be made for the parking areas and the unloading zone.

W8MHV asked if discounted memberships be offered again this year. The concensus was that they should be.

NC8V has signs and banner.

KC80VB sent nearly 1000 postcards.

New Business:

Skywarn Basics Class

KC80VB announced that the National Weather Service will be offering a Skywarn Basics Class on May 2 at the Athens High School.

Programs:

WD8RIF discussed the APRS system used during the Marathon and distributed a print-out of the WinAPRS map showing the race leader's progress. The map was prepared by W8KVK.

N8XWO showed and discussed the 2005 ARRL Handbook.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12pm by W8MHV

Respectively submitted, William McFadden, Secretary