

Athens Country Amateur Radio Association

Minutes of the meeting of May 16, 2006

In Attendance: John Biddle W8PG  
John Cornwell NC8V  
Jim Crouse KC8OVB  
John Hursey KD8DKM  
Re Jn KD8DKP  
Bob Mayer KD8DKN  
John McCutcheon N8XWO  
Drew McDaniel W8MHV  
Eric McFadden WD8RIF  
Miles McFadden  
John Thomas KC8JWZ  
Damon Zen-Eagle KD8DKO

The meeting at the home of NC8V was called to order at 7:33pm by president Drew McDaniel (W8MHV).

The minutes of the April meeting were accepted as distributed.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by KC8OVB. W8MHV asked about any pending expenses. KC8OVB said the insurance bill is due soon and that he will perform an inventory of club equipment and would present it to club officers before paying the bill. N8XWO asked why the \$100 hamfest main prize didn't appear on the itemized financial statement. KC8OVB explained that the \$100 prize was paid out as cash and not as a check. The report was accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hamfest

W8MHV asked for discussion of the hamfest. KC8OVB responded that more volunteers were needed. W8MHV thanked newly-licensed members KD8DKM, KD8DKO, and KD8DKP for their labors during the hamfest.

KC8OVB reported that the hamfest head-count was 315.

W8MHV said he thought the hamfest went well-- attendance was good; the club earned nearly \$1000 despite the increased fee for the use of the facility.

W8MHV asked for discussion of the VE testing performed by the Lancaster club. KC8OVB said that there had been six candidates; two licenses were earned: a Technician and an Extra. NC8V asked if the VE testing at the hamfest was worthwhile; after discussion it

was decided that the VE testing is worthwhile at the hamfest so long as another group does it because the club doesn't have the manpower to do testing at the event.

W8MHV reported that the Lancaster club has invited ACARA members to attend meetings at their clubhouse/station. The clubhouse is located on SR37 across the road from OU-Lancaster.

#### Field Day -- June 24-25, 2006

N8XWO reminded members that the ACARA will participate in Field Day from the Athens County Fairgrounds. He verified that W8MHV will make available a rig for CW operations. N8XWO confirmed that he can provide the rig for HF SSB operations.

WD8RIF confirmed that the KC8MAJ EZ-Up tent is available for club use that weekend. KD8DKP said she has a 20'x20' wall-less tent the club can use.

N8XWO suggested a planning meeting take place soon between himself, W8MHV, and WD8RIF. He will contact the others via telephone or email to set the meeting up.

N8XWO asked about the use of the Kiwanis shelter. W8PG explained that the building use is controlled by the Fair Board. W8PG will discuss use of the shelter with a Fair Board member.

#### Saturday Breakfast meetings

W8MHV announced that the every Saturday at 10am breakfast meetings are returning to the Bob Evans restaurant on East State Street. The other venues recently tried were disappointing.

KD8DKN said that he and his wife will host the group at his house on June 10, the Saturday of OU graduation. Emails will be sent about this as the date approaches.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

#### Club Picnic -- Tuesday, June 20

KC8OVB reported that he has reserved the Dairy Lane picnic shelter (on South Park) for the Club Picnic. Set-up will start about 4pm. Member should arrive by 5:30pm. The club will again provide hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, and condiments. Members

are asked to bring a dish to share, and their own beverages and tableware.

#### 6m SSB Season

N8XWO announced that the 6m DX season is starting. He will be trying to work DX on 50.4MHz using AM.

#### 2007 Officer Nominations

W8MHV reminded the membership that elections for the 2007 club officers will soon be upon us. He asked that members think about nominees for the club officers; in particular, he asked that members think about nominees for club President.

#### PROGRAM:

NC8V gave a tour of his hamshack.

Respectfully submitted, Eric McFadden, Secretary.