

thens Country Amateur Radio Association

Minutes of the meeting of September 19, 2006 -- corrected

In Attendance: John Biddle W8PG
John Cornwell NC8V
Jim Crouse KC8OVB
Dan Dolata
John Hursey N8GNV
John McCutcheon N8XWO
Drew McDaniel W8MHV
Eric McFadden WD8RIF
Rich Post KB8TAD
Jeff Slattery N8SUZ

The was called to order by president Drew McDaniel (W8MHV).

The minutes of the May meeting were accepted as distributed.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented by KC8OVB.

OLD BUSINESS:

Repeater

WD8RIF reported that repeater is functioning well but that building door is weathering badly and floor behind the door is rotting.

WD8RIF announced that a Columbus-area ham, N8LRG, has made an offer of equipment for an APRS digipeater.

Two-Meter Net

KC8OVB reported that there were six check-ins during the September 11 running of the net.

KC8OVB reminds members that the 2m net happens the second Monday of every month on the 145.15 (-) repeater.

5pm 6AM Net

N8XWO reports that the 5pm 6AM net has now been running over two years and participation remains high.

The net is Sunday evenings at 5pm local time on 50.4mc; everyone with 6m AM gear is invited to participate; use of vintage tube-type equipment is encouraged.

NEW BUSINESS:

Emergency Management Agency (EMA)

Guest Dan Dolata, currently assistant director of EMA for Athens County, visited to encourage a dialog between the club and the Athens EMA. However, he had learned that the current director of EMA, Mark Smith, is leaving the position very soon and that Mr. Dolata is unsure of his continued involvement with the EMA.

Mr. Dolata explained that the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) contains amateur radio equipment, some of which belongs to the ACARA and that there is space in the facility for meetings.

Mr. Dolata suggested that if the incoming director of EMA is uninterested in help from the amateur radio community the ACARA should join the local volunteer fire departments in order foster communication. (He explained that one can join the fire departments in capacities other than fire fighters.)

W8MHV thanked Mr. Dolata for attending the meeting and said that the club welcomes the EMA's overtures.

N8SUZ reported that he is now the ARES District Emergency Coordinator. He will act as a liaison between EMA and fire departments and the amateur radio community. He also reported that he will visit the EOC and build an inventory of the equipment therein.

ARRL Ohio Section Meeting

N8SUZ reported that he attended the ARRL Ohio Section Meeting.

Regarding ARES, he reported that in this post-9/11 world agencies require background checks and training of individuals responding during emergencies. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has courses on-line. N8SUZ suggested courses IS-100, IS-200, and IS-700.

N8SUZ reported that the Ohio ARES districts may be re-drawn to match Homeland Security districts. Athens is currently in District 8 but following a re-drawing of districts would be in District 7.

Saturday Breakfast

W8MHV reported that the venue for the weekly Saturday morning breakfast has been changed to the Ohio University Inn. He explained that there's a nice breakfast buffet, there's generally no wait to be seated, and that it's quieter than the previous venue.

W8MHV invited members to attend the breakfast which is at 10am each Saturday.

Election Nominations

for President: W8MHV

for Vice-President: N8XWO

for Treasurer: KC8OVB

for Secretary: WD8RIF

for Webmaster/Newsletter Editor: N8SUZ

for Repeater Trustee: WD8RIF

for Packet Node Trustee: N8SUZ

KC8OVB will mail ballots to the membership in time for the counting of the ballots at the October meeting. (KC8OVB agrees to continue producing the newsletter.)

License Class

N8SUZ reported that a new question-bank is in use for the Technician class test. He asked permission to order ten copies of the new ARRL Technician Class study manual. The members voted to allow this expenditure.

PROGRAM:

KB8TAD did a show-and-tell with a Gonset Commander 60w HF + 6m mobile transmitter from 1955. He purchased this transmitter at the recent Huntington Hamfest.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm by W8MHV

Respectfully submitted, Eric McFadden, Secretary.

