

Athens Country Amateur Radio Association

Minutes of the meeting of October 17, 2006

In Attendance:	John Biddle	W8PG
	John Cornwell	NC8V
	Jim Crouse	KC8OVB
	Rodney Holley	KA8NDC
	John Hursey	N8GNV
	Re Jn	KD8DKP
	John McCutcheon	N8XWO
	Drew McDaniel	W8MHV
	Eric McFadden	WD8RIF
	Rich Post	KB8TAD
	Brian Shapiro	KC8ZUF
	Jeff Slattery	N8SUZ
	John Thomas	KC8JWZ
	Greg Weinfurtner	NS8O
	Damon Zen-Eagle	KD8DKO

The was called to order 7:36pm by president Drew McDaniel (W8MHV).

The minutes of the Septeber meeting were accepted as distributed.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented by KC8OVB. W8MHV asked if the club's station at Red Cross is insured. KC8OVB said it is. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

New Business

NS8O presented his oscillator/mixer for listening to NOAA Weather (162.425MHz) on 2-meter HT.

K8BZW 10-meter Trophy

NS8O presented the K8BZW 10-meter Trophy and announced the upcoming ARRL 10-meter Contest. (See below for date.) The club member with the highest score in this event will be presented with the K8BZW 10-meter Trophy at the ACARA Holiday Party.

NC8V originally created this trophy to encourage participation in the ARRL Novice Roundup.

Contests

N8XWO listed upcoming contests:

CQ Worldwide SSB -- October 28-29

CW Worldwide CW -- November 25-26

ARRL Sweepstakes CW -- November 4-6

ARRL Sweepstakes SSB -- November 18-20

ARRL 10-Meter Contest -- December 9-10

Those participating in these contests should notify N8XWO so he can process the club entry.

Radio Van

W8MHV announced that (per N8SUZ) the County has an excess squad/ambulance that the club could have gratis or for a small amount. The vehicle in question is a 1995 Ford E350 chassis with box. W8MHV asked if the club is interested in acquiring the vehicle for use as a mobile radio station.

N8XWO asked several questions regarding the acquisition of the vehicle: How much would insurance be? How will the vehicle be licensed? Who will perform maintenance? Who will store the vehicle? Who will provide the equipment?

There was much discussion.

W8MHV pointed out that the club's good intentions are not always matched by deeds and mentioned the club's trailer-mounted tower as an example.

N8XWO moved that the club not pursue acquisition of the vehicle. The vote to not pursue acquisition passed unanimously.

Old Business

Two-meter Net

KC80VB reported that the October 2-meter net had eight check-ins. He asked for additional net-control operator volunteers. He will e-mail the net-control script to club members. He suggested that members try participation using emergency-power.

The net is on the ACARA 2m repeater (145.15- MHz) and meets at 7pm local time the second Monday of the month. The net-control script is available on the ACARA web site <<http://www.ac-ara.org/>>

5pm 6AM Net

N8XWO corrected his statement of last month that the net has been active for two years. In truth, the net has been active for three years.

Participation in this net remains strong.

The net is on 50.4MHz AM at 5pm local time Sunday. Use of tube-type vintage AM gear is encouraged but all check-ins are welcome. Most participants are using vertically-polarized antennas.

Election

KC80VB & NC8V collected and counted the ballots.

KC80VB was a write-in on one ballot for Vice-President.
N8GNV was a write-in on one ballot for all positions.

The slate of nominees was elected:

President	W8MHV
Vice-President	N8XWO
Treasurer	KC80VB
Secretary	WD8RIF
Newsletter Editor	KC80VB
Repeater Trustee	WD8RIF
Packet Node Trustee	N8SUZ

The results of the ballot count were accepted unanimously.

Program

W8MHV presented a short video about the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm by W8MHV

Respectfully submitted, Eric McFadden, Secretary.