

Athens Country Amateur Radio Association

Minutes of the meeting of October 16, 2007

In Attendance:	John Biddle	W8PG
	Gary Bruce	KD8FRN
	Jim Crouse	KC8OVB
	Bob Curtis	KD8FRQ
	Evan Dickinson	K8ELD
	Walt Jones	WT8E
	John McCutcheon	N8XWO
	Drew McDaniel	W8MHV
	Eric McFadden	WD8RIF
	Rich Post	KB8TAD
	John Thomas	KC8JWZ

Following the 7:00pm social gathering, the meeting was called to order at 7:33pm by president Drew McDaniel, W8MHV.

The minutes of the September, 2007 meeting were accepted as distributed.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented by treasurer Jim Crouse, KC8OVB.

Old Business

Repeater

Walt Jones, WT8E, reported on his visit to the repeater siet. The steel-clad door is rusted through. The door jamb needs to be painted. Walt is confident that floor joists are treated 4x4s and are in good condition. The rotted section of floor near the door needs to be cut out and replaced. In order to do this, the repeater cabinet will need to be a small distance. The wood under the aluminum threshold is rotted and needs to be replaced with treated lumber. On the roof, one shingle is broken but roof repairs an wait a year or two. Walt suggests that a storm door be installed to prevent water from entering the building under the door. Walt estimated the cost of needed repairs to be about \$500.

Drew McDaniel, W8MHV, asked how the club would like to proceed. Walt suggested that the club contact John Cornwell's son Brian for an estimate. Gary Bruce, KD8FRN, suggested a fiberglass door be considered. Walt made a motion to authorize the executive committee to spend up to \$1000 to replace the floor, replace the door, replace the threshold, and paint the door frame, and to possibly install a storm door if it's feasible. The motion was

seconded by Rich Post, KB8TAD. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### Packet

Jim Crouse, KC80VB, reported that the new TNC has been ordered but hasn't arrived yet.

#### Election of Officers

Jim Crouse, KC80VB, counted the ballots with Eric McFadden observing. Twenty ballots were received. There were no write-in candidates. The slate of officers as nominated in September were elected.

#### Officers for 2008:

President	Drew McDaniel, W8MHV
Vice President	John McCutcheon, N8XWO
Treasurer	Jim Crouse, KC80VB
Secretary	Eric McFadden, WD8RIF
Newsletter	Jim Crouse, KC80VB
Repeater Trustee	Eric McFadden, WD8RIF
Packet Node Trustee	Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ

#### New Business

##### Ohio Section Conference

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, reported on the Ohio Section Conference. A new state ARES plan announced. It uses more digital modes and APRS than the previous plan did. One speaker stated that there are about 3000 ARES volunteers in Ohio and so far in 2007 these volunteers have given some 33,000 hours of service. The Ohio Section is still looking for operators to serve as Official Observers. The Ohio section is still looking for operators to participate in the Ohio SSB Traffic Net.

Jeff distributed ARES enrollment forms for interested members to fill out.

#### Program

Rich Post, KB8TAD, showed his restored Panoramic Radio SB-8b "Panalyzer" Type T-200, an early spectrum analyzer. This particular example was originally used by NASA at the Goddard Space Flight Center. More about this piece of equipment can be found at <http://oak.cats.ohiou.edu/~postr/bapix/SB8b.htm>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm by President Drew McDaniel.

Respectfully submitted, Eric McFadden, Secretary.