

Athens Country Amateur Radio Association

Minutes of the meeting of January 15, 2008 (revised)

In Attendance: John Biddle W8PG
 Jim Crouse KC8OVB
 John McCutcheon N8XWO
 Drew McDaniel W8MHV
 Eric McFadden WD8RIF
 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 November, 2007 meeting were accepted as distributed.

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

Old Business

Repeater

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reported on the oil-filled electric heater he installed in the repeater cabinet and he showed a graph of in-rack and outdoor temperatures provided by Ted Jacobson, W8KVK. Ted is researching commercial "heating pad"-type heaters that promise to use less electricity than the current heater.
(<http://www.hiheat.com/Products/Polyester-Heater.htm>)

Radio Class

Drew McDaniel, W8MHV, asked if there is news about the license class. John McCutcheon, N8XWO, reported that the first session on January 14 had six students ranging in age from the early 20s to mid 40s.

Hamfest -- April 27, 2008

Drew McDaniel reported that the event is registered with the ARRL and that he has applied for the Tourism grant. He has confirmed with Allen Sellers that the Lancaster club will do the VE session at the hamfest. Drew will distribute fliers at the SCARF (Nelsonville) hamfest on January 20.

Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, will send complimentary tickets to the examiners from the Lancaster club.

Winter Potluck

Drew asked if there was interest in doing a Winter Potluck as was done last year. There is interest. Jim Crouse suggested Saturday, February 16 with back-up date of February 23. He will reserve the Red Cross Chapterhouse for the event.

Members will meet at 5:30pm and will begin to eat at 6pm. Members are to bring a covered dish to share as well as beverage and servingware for themselves.

ACARA Library

Eric McFadden reported that he has created the ACARA Library web page:

http://home.frognet.net/~mcfadden/wd8rif/acara_library.htm

The Library is a list of books or other resources individual members are willing to share with others. Members are encouraged to send Eric descriptions of thier materials for inclusion.

New Business

Jackson County (Ohio) Hamfest -- Saturday, April 12

Jim Crouse reported on the upcoming Jackson County hamfest and passed around the postcard he had recieved.

FAR Scholarship

Jim Crouse reported that he received a letter announcing the availability of fifty-five college scholarships available to hams entering college. If interested, please contact Jim for details.

Mansfield Hamfest -- Sunday, February 10

John Biddle, W8PG, reported on the upcoming Mansfield Hamfest.

Athens Marathon -- Sunday, April 6

There appears to be continued interest in supporting this community event. Jim Crouse asked that someone else take over chairmanship responsibilities.

Member News

Jim Crouse reported that Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ, fell and injured his leg.

John McCutcheon reported that John Cornwell, NC8V, recently had gallbladder surgery and is recovering well.

Program

Jim Crouse provided a short video by ICOM about the W1AW and radio contesting (radiosport).

The meeting was adjourned by President Drew McDaniel.

Respectfully submitted, Eric McFadden, Secretary.