

Athens Country Amateur Radio Association

Minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2009 -- corrected

In Attendance: John Biddle W8PG
Jim Crouse KC8OVB
Bob Curtis KD8FRQ
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 approximately 7:34 pm by President Drew McDaniel, W8MHV.

The minutes of the October, 2009 meeting were accepted as distributed.

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

Old Business

Repeater

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reported that the autopatch occasionally can't be punched-down by pressing the pound (#) key; he will investigate. He also reported that he will soon winterize the repeater building.

Field Day 2009

John McCutcheon, N8XWO, reported on the ARRL Field Day 2009 results which appeared in the December, 2009 issue of QST magazine. With 450 contacts and 2,368 points placed 36th out of 150 Class 1A entries.

(In 2008, the ACARA placed 47th out of 140 Class A entries; in 2007, the ACARA placed 35th out of 191 Class A entries.)

Ohio University Radio Club

Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ, reported that with John McCutcheon's help erecting the antenna, the club station is now ready to be on the air.

Holiday Dinner -- December 15, 2009 at Lui Lui

Drew McDaniel, W8MHV, reported that he has reserved space at Lui Lui for the Holiday Dinner. The club is providing non-alcoholic punch and hors d'ouvres at a cost of \$5/head.

Members and their guests are invited to arrive at 5:30 for the punch and hors d'ouvres.

Officer Elections

Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, opened and counted ballots in the presence of the assembled members. He reported that twenty-three ballots were received.

There was one contested position this year. The Drew McDaniel/Carl Denbow (P/VP) slate received six votes. The Drew McDaniel/Eric McFadden slate received seventeen votes. All candidates for the remaining uncontested positions received a majority of the votes and were re-elected. (Before revision, this paragraph had said "All candidates for the remaining uncontested positions received at least one vote and were re-elected.")

There were four write-ins: Ted Jacobson, W8KVK, was nominated for Secretary. Greg Weinfurtner, NS80, was nominated for Newsletter Editor. John McCutcheon, N8XWO, was nominated for Packet-Node Trustee/Webmaster. Carl Denbow, N8VZ, was nominated for Repeater Trustee. (Before revision this paragraph had said "three write-ins" and didn't list Carl Denbow nomination.)

ACARA Club Officers for 2010:

President: Drew McDaniel, W8MHV

Vice-President: Eric McFadden, WD8RIF

Treasurer: Jim Crouse, KC8OVB

Secretary: Eric McFadden, WD8RIF

Newsletter Editor: Jim Crouse, KC8OVB

Repeater Trustee: Eric McFadden, WD8RIF

Packet-Node Trustee/Webmaster: Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ

New Business

February Potluck -- 5pm Saturday, February 20

Drew McDaniel asked if there's interest in another February Potluck. The assembled members agreed that there is. The date of Saturday, February 20 was chosen. Jim Crouse will reserve the large room at the Red Cross Chapterhouse. John McCutcheon will again bring his movie projector and films.

Program

Rich Post, KB8TAD, showed his National CRM Oscilloscope which was featured in the "Vintage Radio" column in the August, 2009 issue of QST magazine. See Rich's website for photos and description:

http://oak.cats.ohiou.edu/~postr/bapix/Nat_CRM.htm

John Biddle, W8PG, showed his Powerex four AA/AAA multi-mode charger.

Drew McDaniel showed his HB-1A "Trail Friendly Radio". The HB-1A is a QRP, CW-only, three band (20/30/40m) transceiver that offers continuous-coverage receive from 5MHz to 16Mhz.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:46pm by President Derw McDaniel.

Respectfully submitted, Eric McFadden, Secretary.