

**Athens County Amateur Radio Association**  
**Minutes of the meeting of 15 May, 2012**

In Attendance:

John Biddle	W8PG
Gary Carter	KD8MSR
Jim Crouse	KC8OVB
Bob Curtis	KD8FRQ
Drew McDaniel	W8MHV
Eric McFadden	WD8RIF
Rich Post	KB8TAD
John Thomas	KC8JWZ
Pete Wickman	KD8MZA

Following the social gathering at 1900, the meeting was called to order by President Eric McFadden WD8RIF at 19:32.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jim Crouse KC8OVB distributed the monthly financial report. The club is solvent for the foreseeable future, with unencumbered funds standing at \$1886.19. The 2012 ACARA Hamfest produced \$754.04, which is above average due to reduced printing costs and increased attendance. The report was accepted as distributed.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were accepted as distributed.

**Old Business**

ACARA 145.450 Repeater

The repeater continues to work well. No additional work is currently anticipated.

440Mhz Repeater

The repeater is still broadcasting its old call sign, and the club needs to register our trusteeship and change the call to W8UKE.

ACARA Hamfest 2012- 29 April 2012

Excellent weather and increased attendance combined to make the 2012 Hamfest a success. The club extended thanks to all members who contributed time to the event, with particular thanks to W8MHV for donating an HT for use as a door prize.

KC8OVB suggested several improvements for next year, including posting someone to prevent people from parking at the Ponderosa and walking into the Hamfest without a ticket, staffing the talk-in frequency through the prize giveaway, and establishing a simplex frequency for club members to communicate on.

The club appreciated the helpful cooperation of Rich Campetelli.

The exam session had seven applicants, and produced one Technician, one General, and one Amateur Extra class license.

The ARRL ARES presentation had sparse attendance, perhaps due to scheduling it to follow the exam.

Improving the system for making public announcements for next year was discussed.

Finally, the club would like to thank Universal Radio for their generous support of the ACARA Hamfest.

#### Hamfest Volunteers

Bob Curtis	KD8FRQ
Gary Carter	KD8MSR
Miles McFadden	KD8KNC
Drew McDaniel	W8MHV
Kirk Groeneveld	KC8JRC
Mike Cooper	KC8WMY
Pete Wickman	KD8MZA
John McCutcheon	N8XWO
Eric McFadden	WD8RIF
Jim Crouse	KC8OVB
John Thomas	KC8JWZ
Carl Denbow	N8VZ
John Biddle	W8PG
Jeff Slattery	N8SUZ
Walt Jones	WT8E

#### Athens Marathon, 1 April 2012

##### Participating Volunteers

Eric McFadden	WD8RIF
Jim Crouse	KC8OVB
Kirk Groeneveld	KC8JRV
Linsey Groeneveld	KD8KNA
Hans Hake	KD8KNI
Randy Mace	KB8AYZ
David Underwood	KC8RYL

James Underwood	
Chris Howerth	KD8RYJ
Drew McDaniel	W8MHV
Miles McFadden	KD8KNC
Vickie McFadden	KC8MAJ
Lance Groeneveld	KD8KMZ
John McCutcheon	N8XWO
Kate McFadden	KD8KNB
Jan Slattery	KD8PUJ
John Thomas	KC8JWZ
Royce Holliday	KC8THI
Pete Wickman	KD8MZA
Pat Balding	KC8KNF
Garry Carter	KD8MSR
Bob Curtis	KD8FRQ
Robin Kinney	KG6DI
John Biddle	W8PG
Carl Denbow	N8VZ
Jeff Slattery	N8SUZ
Rob Jacobson	KB9AFT
Ted Jacobson	W8KVK

#### MS Walk, 21 April 2012

The club deployed in support of the annual MS walk along the bike path. The club extends its thanks to all who participated.

#### Bicycle Race, Lake Hope, Sunday, 6 May 2012

The club deployed in support of this event for the first time. Potential improvements for next year were discussed. The club extends its thanks to all who participated.

#### Field Day 23-4 June, 2012

Preparations for field day are nearly complete.

Constantine Faller has declined to cater the event, and a variety of scenarios for providing food were discussed, and the club seemed to feel that a pot-luck would be appropriate.

The club extended its thanks to W8MHV for securing the use of the Athens Fairground again this year. Due to another scheduled event at the site, the club will need to produce a certificate of entry that can be distributed online. Members will need to print this out to gain free admission.

Discussion then moved to station equipment and assignments for various items were confirmed. Also, assignments for pre-event activities that provide bonus points were discussed, including generating a press release, and copying the W1AW announcements on CW, PSK-31, and SSB.

Possible youth participants were discussed, as well as invitations to new club members, all of whom will hopefully be able to join us.

### **New Business**

#### Disposition of old Repeater Antenna/ Feedline

WD8RIF reported that the cable could be sold as scrap metal for .30 cents per pound/ Although the weight of the cable was unknown, this seemed unlikely to produce much revenue. KC8OVB indicated that he might know a potential purchaser, and failing that the club will try to sell the cable on QRZ.

#### Bobcat Trail Marathon- Sunday, 4 November 2012

The ACARA has been asked to support this event, and N8SUZ has confirmed our participation.

#### Club Picnic- 19 June

The Dairy Lane shelter house has been reserved for this event. The club and guests will meet at 17:30 and eat at 18:00. The club will provide buns, meat, condiments, and charcoal. Attendees should bring table service, beverage, and a dish to share.

#### Ohio State Parks On the Air- 8 September 2012

KC8OVB has reserved the Bulldog Shelter in Strouds Run State Park for this event. It will run from noon to 8pm the Saturday following Labor Day.

### **Program**

““Ocean Hopper” and Other Regenerative Receivers” was presented by K8TAD.

Meeting adjourned 21:03 by President Eric McFadden.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Pete Wickman.