

## **Athens County Amateur Radio Association**

### **Minutes of the meeting of October 16, 2012**

*A note about this meeting: Because of the Presidential Debate to be aired at 9pm, President Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, changed the order of the meeting in case members needed to leave early. The meeting started with the program and continued with Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports, Old Business, and New Business.*

#### **In Attendance:**

Jim Crouse	KC8OVB
Bob Curtis	KD8FRQ
Carl Denbow	N8VZ
Hans Hake	KD8NLI
Andrew Kann	WA8LIV
Drew McDaniel	W8MHV
Eric McFadden	WD8RIF
Roy Plant	KD8PKV
John Thomas	KC8JWZ

Following the social gathering at 7:00pm the meeting was called to order at 7:28 pm by President Eric McFadden, WD8RIF.

In the absence of Secretary Pete Wickman, K8PAW, the minutes of the September 18, 2012 meeting were distributed by Eric McFadden, WD8RIF. The minutes were accepted as distributed

Treasurer Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, distributed the financial report. The Treasurer's report was accepted as distributed.

#### **Old Business**

##### **ACARA 145.15 MHz Repeater**

Eric McFadden reported that he and Jim Crouse have winterized the repeater building. The two will work together to diagnose the intermittent "low sensitivity" issue.

##### **Linked 440MHz Repeater at Athens 9-1-1 Site**

Eric McFadden reported that Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, has verified that the UHF repeater is up and operational. Jeff did not receive any responses to his "N8SUZ testing" calls.

## New Business

### Officer Elections

Treasurer Jim Crouse collected and counted the ballots. He reported 23 ballots were received. The count was as follows:

President	23 votes for Eric McFadden, WD8RIF
Vice-President	23 votes for Drew McDaniel, W8MHV
Secretary	22 votes for Pete Wickman, K8PAW; one write-in vote for Hans Hake, KD8NLI
Treasurer	23 votes for Jim Crouse, KC8OVB
Newsletter Editor	22 votes for Pete Wickman, K8PAW; one write-in vote for Hans Hake, KD8NLI
Packet-Node Trustee/ Webmaster	23 votes for Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ
Repeater Trustee	22 votes for Eric McFadden, WD8RIF; one write-in vote for Roy Plant, KD8PKV

Two ballots contained comments:

“possibly in newsletter a for sale or swap section”

“Thanks to the officer candidates for their service to the club!”

## **New Business (cont'd)**

### **Run Like Hell 5K Run – Saturday, October 2012**

Jeff Slattery reported via Eric McFadden that all key stations are covered; additional operators could be used—contact Jeff if interested in participating. (Visit <http://ac-ara.org/> to find Jeff's email address.)

Eric reported that event has about 50 runners signed-up as of Tuesday afternoon; the organizer hopes for about 100 runners to be signed-up by race-day. The event website is <http://www.facebook.com/RunLikeHellCostume5k>; it seems to require a Facebook logon.

Those who have volunteered to work this event should watch for an email from Jeff Slattery with more information.

### **Bobcat Trail Marathon at Burr Oak State Park – Sunday, November 4, 2012**

Jeff Slattery reported via Eric McFadden that all key stations have been covered; two SCARF members might be able to help and will be assigned to locations that are new this year. ACARA members who have yet to volunteer should contact Jeff Slattery for assignment.

A map of the course with operator assignments has been developed by Ted Jacobson, W8KVK; it can be viewed here: <http://w8kvk.com/BobcatMap/>.

The Bobcat Trail Marathon official site is here: <http://BobcatTrailMarathon.org>.

Those who have volunteered to work this event should watch for an email from Jeff Slattery with more information. (Visit <http://ac-ara.org/> to find Jeff's email address.)

### **ARES Training – 7pm Thursday, November 8, 2012 at Athens High School**

Jeff Slattery reported via Eric McFadden that he will be providing ARES training in a classroom setting for those interested. Jeff plans to cover the IS-100 (Introduction to Incident Command System), IS-200 (ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents), and IS-700 (NIMS - National Incident Management System) material. This is important training for any amateur interested in being prepared to assist in the event of an emergency.

All ACARA members should consider participating in this training. Watch for an email with additional information.

## **New Business (cont'd)**

### **ListServ for ACARA**

Carl Denbow, N8VZ, suggested that the club should implement a ListServ-type email system. The club currently has an all-members email address but mail received at that address can't be replied to, making useful discussion difficult. A possible solution might be a Yahoo! Group.

### **Youth HF Station Giveaway**

Eric McFadden reported that the club has been asked to help promote a program by *Amateur Radio Supplies* of Haverhill, MA, which will give away complete HF stations to deserving youth. Eric has asked Jeff Slattery to promote this on the club website and he has asked Pete Wickman, K8PAW, to promote this in the club newsletter.

Club members who know of amateur radio operators who are under the age of 21 years should direct them to the following website for full information and application:

<http://www.amateurradiosupplies.com/youth-s/222.htm>

### **ACARA Holiday Party – December 11 or December 18?**

It's time to think about the ACARA's Holiday Party in December. Tuesday, December 11 and Tuesday, December 18 are two possible dates. Please contact Eric McFadden if you have a conflict on either of these dates. Eric will make arrangements with Lui Lui once a date is chosen. (Visit <http://ac-ara.org/> to find Eric's email address.)

## **Program**

Carl Denbow, N8VZ, presented "An Introduction to Logbook of the World (LotW)".

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm by President Eric McFadden, WD8RIF.

Respectfully submitted by President Eric McFadden, WD8RIF.