

## **Athens County Amateur Radio Association**

### **Minutes of the meeting of February 19, 2013 (amended)**

#### **In Attendance:**

John Biddle	W8PG
Jim Crouse	KC8OVB
Carl Denbow	N8VZ
Andrew Kuhn	WA8LIV
John McCutcheon	N8XWO
Drew McDaniel	W8MHV
Eric McFadden	WD8RIF
Rich Post	KB8TAD
Jeff Slattery	N8SUZ
John Thomas	KC8JWZ
Greg Weinfurtner	NS8O

Following the social gathering at 7:00pm the meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by President Eric McFadden, WD8RIF.

In the absence of Secretary Pete Wickman, K8PAW, the minutes of the January, 2013 meeting were distributed by President Eric McFadden, WD8RIF. The minutes were accepted as distributed. (Greg Weinfurtner arrived at the meeting after this and pointed out an error in the 10-meter Contest Challenge section of the minutes; Eric McFadden will update the minutes and post to the web.)

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

#### **Old Business**

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

Repeater Trustee Eric McFadden reported that Drew McDaniel suggested he contact Terry Douds, N8KI, about use of WOUB's spectrum analyzer to re-calibrate the repeater cavities.

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

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

Jeff Slattery reported through Eric McFadden the following:

Jeff has spoken with the Hocking County group about the link system. The link equipment remains but the link is currently not working. The ham who set up the network has moved onto other things. Jeff would like to restore the link for ARES net training and emergencies.

Jeff plans to contact Scott Warner to gain access to the 9-1-1 site and building.

Jeff has spoken with Dwight Bonifield, our area's Repeater Coordinator about re-coordinating the repeater with the proper callsign.

### **Club callsign, W8UKE, renewal**

Carl Denbow, N8VZ, reported that he has renewed the club's callsign, W8UKE. Carl paid the required vanity-callsign fee as a service to the club and in memory of Craig Farrar, W8UKE (SK).

### **License Class – Mondays January 7 – March 11**

Eric McFadden reported that the class now has two students: Tim Creamer and John Boudinot. There is no class this week or next while Tim Creamer is overseas.

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

### **February Potluck**

Eric McFadden reported that the potluck was attended by the following:

John Biddle, W8PG  
Jim Crouse, KC8OVB  
Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ  
Kathy Curtis  
John McCutcheon, N8XWO  
Drew McDaniel, W8MHV  
Nancy McDaniel  
Eric McFadden, WD8RIF  
Kate McFadden, KD8KNB  
Miles McFadden, KD8KNC  
Vickie McFadden, KC8MAJ  
Rich Post, KB8TAD  
Edie Post

Eric thanked Jim Crouse for reserving the Red Cross Chapterhouse for this event.

Jim Crouse made a motion that the club donate \$40 to the American Red Cross; the motion was seconded by Drew McDaniel and the vote passed unanimously.

Carl Denbow asked if in the future the club could choose a date for this event that isn't so close to Valentine's Day because of conflicts associated with that holiday. Drew McDaniel suggested the club might hold the Potluck on Friday evening rather than Saturday. The club will discuss this next year when choosing the date of the Potluck 2014.

(Amended: added Jim Crouse to list of attendees.)

### **Lake Hope Bicycle Race – Saturday, March 16**

Jeff Slattery reported he is still looking for volunteers. Operators will need to be on-station between 10am and 10:30am and the event will last until approximately 4:30pm.

Jeff reported that Mike Cooper, KC8WMY, has agreed to act as net control for the event.

Those interested in participating should contact Jeff. (Visit <http://ac-ara.org/> for Jeff's email address.)

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

### **Athens Marathon – Sunday, April 14, 2013**

Eric McFadden reported that he has been attending the Marathon Committee meetings. He has sent the club logo to the Race Director, Lisa Simons, for the t-shirt.

Eric reported that Jeff Slattery has agreed to act as net control. Jeff reported that Jan Slattery, KD8PUJ, has agreed to be the operator assigned to the Race Director.

Eric reported that the Marathon Committee will have designated SAG vehicles this year; these vehicles will be dispatched via cell-phone.

Amateurs wishing to participate in the ACARA support of the Athens Marathon should contact Drew McDaniel (Visit <http://ac-ara.org/> for Drew's email address.)

### **MS-Walk – Saturday, April 20, 2013**

Jeff Slattery reported he is still looking for volunteers for this low-pressure event.

Those interested in participating should contact Jeff. (Visit <http://ac-ara.org/> for Jeff's email address.)

### **ARRL Field Day – June 22-23, 2013**

Eric McFadden reported that the Field Day Packet is available for download from the ARRL website; he has downloaded the packet but hasn't yet read the rules for changes.

Drew McDaniel reported that he has reserved the use of the Athens County Fairgrounds and that the Richland Avenue Fire Department Demolition Derby is scheduled for the weekend prior to Field Day.

John McCutcheon, N8XWO, reported he will play the Star Spangled Banner on his tuba prior to the start of Field Day; a photo of this will be sent to the ARRL for possible publication in QST magazine.

Greg Weinfurtner, NS8O, affirms that he might should be able to secure the use of a wood-burning Stirling Engine generator for the club to use.

## Old Business (cont'd)

### Athens Hamfest – Sunday, April 28, 2013

John McCutcheon reported he will contact City Services Director Ron Lucas and arrange for use of highway cones.

Eric McFadden has contacted Universal Radio for door prizes. Jim Crouse will contact R&L for door prizes. Jeff Slattery will contact AES for door prizes.

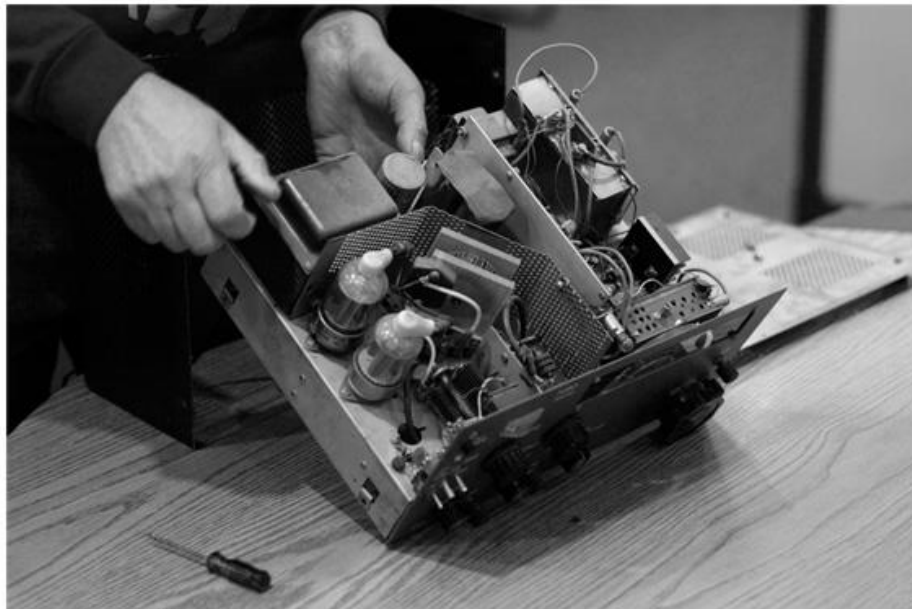
Jim Crouse confirmed the club has sufficient quantity of tickets.

Drew McDaniel will create artwork for the postcards. Jim Crouse will mail the postcards but will slightly reduce the mailing-list. Jim will send one comp-ticket each to approximately 50 clubs in the region; he expects between 15 and 20 of these tickets will be redeemed. Drew McDaniel asked if comp-tickets will be sent to regional ARRL leaders; Jim will be sending comp-tickets to these individuals.

Carl Denbow reported he will contact Rich Perry, Jr., AB8MY, and Sharon Perry, WB8TEP, to see if they would again like to participate in the Hamfest.

## Program

Greg Weinfurter, NS8O, showed and discussed his home-brew SSB/CW 100-watt 160-meter transceiver.



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The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00pm by President Eric McFadden, WD8RIF.

Respectfully submitted by President Eric McFadden, WD8RIF.