

Minutes of January 21, 2014 Meeting

In Attendance:

Rich Post KB8TAD
John McCutcheon N8XWO
Gary Henderson KD8IMS
Eric McFadden WD8RIF
Bob Curtis KD8FRQ
Don Carter KA8PJQ
Robert Moore KC8KSM
Jim Crouse KC8OVB
Carl J. Denbow N8VZ
John Thomas KC8JWZ
Drew McDaniel W8MHV
Jeff Slattery N8SUZ
Jan Slattery KD8PUJ

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

Program

Rich Post,KB8TAD – home-brew transmitter
http://www.ohio.edu/people/posr/bapix/HB_xmtr.htm

Corrections/additions of Minutes

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.
John McCutcheon made a motion to accept the minutes. Rich Post seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, distributed the financial report. The club currently has \$986.25 in unencumbered funds. Dues are due at this time. Jim will follow up with people who did not pay their dues last year. John McCutcheon made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Don Carter.

Old Business

VHF Repeater: WD8RIF – transmitter issue (Low power? Distortion?) during extreme cold temperatures (-6°F); sounded better once temp (as reported by airport) reached +6°F.
Summer project: fully insulate repeater building? Foam sheets wouldn't cost too much. Fiberglass would probably be better. It is stud width and you cut the end off. You could duct tape the ends. Hard foam would be good to make a ceiling
UHF Repeater: N8SUZ – Seems to be working OK. Jeff was able to bring it up OK this past week.

Raffle of repaired IC-2100H APRS transceiver :WD8RIF 16 tickets sold. We made enough to have drawing at ACARA Holiday Dinner produced winner Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ. Thanks to everyone who bought a ticket.

Club Construction / Education Project:W8MHV / N8VZ

This is something that was started years and years ago but club projects were never continued. Carl suggested Hendricks QRP Receivers which would probably take 5-6 sessions to build. The price is \$50.00 for a 2 band unit. As it is being built someone could explain how the electronics work. Eric questioned whether we could use this facility to construct the projects. Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, said as long as we protect the tables we should be OK. Drew suggested bringing large pieces of cardboard to protect the tables and floors. Jeff offered to bring in Lowe's boxes to use for that purpose. There was a question about band width concerning whether it could be used for voice. Eric showed another option which Kaie built as a project. The cost is \$40 but doesn't have a cabinet, etc. Another option would be a "Scout Regen" Shortwave Regenerative Receiver which is the same price. 12 liked the idea of the Regen over the 2 band QRP Receiver. Anyone who wasn't present at the meeting can contact Carl Denbow, N8VZ, if interested in participating in this project.

ARRL 10-meter Contest – December 14-15, 2013

NC8V Memorial Trophy

John Biddle, W8PG	293 SSB	55,084 -- winner
Carl Denbow, N8VZ	60 SSB	~ 4,440
Eric McFadden, WD8RIF	125 CW	22,816
Greg Weinfurtner, NS8O	52 SSB + 279 CW	153,416

Eric showed the NC8V Memorial Trophy which will be presented to W8PG at our next meeting. Club scores were submitted to ARRL so later in the year we will see how we placed against others.

Holiday Party – December 17 @ Lui Lui WD8RIF:

John Biddle (W8PG)
Don Carter (KA8PJQ) & Kim
Gary Carter (KD8MSR) & Barbie
Bob Curtis (KD8FRQ) & Kathy
Carl Denbow (N8VZ) & Jane
John McCutcheon (N8XWO)
Drew McDaniel (W8MHV) & Nancy
Eric McFadden (WD8RIF) & Vickie (KC8MAJ)
Rich Post (KB8TAD) & Edie
Jeff Slattery (N8SUZ) & Jan (KD8PUJ)
Greg Weinfurtner (NS8O) & Cathey

Let's start thinking about locations for next year's dinner.

License Class – Mondays starting Jan 6 at Red Cross Chapterhouse

1st class (Jan 06) canceled due to extreme temps so it started January 13th.

2nd class: six students:

Tim Creamer
Hannah John-Conry
Marcia Kieliszewski
Jason Kimble
Dennis Rosser
Andy Young

New Business

New meeting venue: Athens County Red Cross Chapterhouse

WD8RIF – learned when trying to reserve Facilities Management Building meeting room for license class that the room was renovated to be used exclusively by the university during emergencies and that club couldn't meet there anymore. KC8OVB arranged cost-free use of Red Cross Chapterhouse for both license class and monthly meetings; he reserved for meetings through May. He feels we should do some type of a donation to the Red Cross by our May or June meeting. Jeff made a motion to buy a set of white board markers and some board cleaner which are used in the license class. It was seconded by John McCutcheon. The motion passed.

Jeff – SCARFfest- tested 3 and they passed: 2 technicians and 1 general. He said Curtis Duncan mentioned they might have someone come and help with our testing at our HamFest.

MS-Walk – Saturday, April 12, 2014

N8SUZ – If you are interested in volunteering contact Jeff, N8SUZ, and ask for your usual location.

Athens Marathon – Sunday, April 13, 2014 N8SUZ – Let Jeff know if you are interested in volunteering and if you want your usual location. Check out the Athens Marathon website and see our logo on it!

ACARA Hamfest – Sunday, April 27, 2014 (Easter is April 20) WD8RIF

Admission cost: \$5. N8VZ handling table reservations

Indoor table cost: \$8 at least one week prior; \$10 the last week and at gate

Jackson, Ohio Hamfest is the day before Athens Hamfest.

Jeff will register the testing session with ARRL. Jim will send flyers and a couple complimentary tickets to the area clubs. He then follows it up with postcards to individuals. We might want to find a way to get email

addresses and be able to email them the info. Jeff will look into getting a list from Scott Yonnaly.

February Potluck – Saturday, February 22 @ Red Cross Chapterhouse at 5:30. We'll eat at 6:00. Members need to bring table service, beverage and a dish to pass. Entertainment by John McCutcheon will be provided. We want some good old fashion home cookin!

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Slattery, Secretary

Secretary's Note: I'm not sure as to who moved and who seconded motions.....let me know so I can make corrections. I promise to do better at our next meeting.