

Minutes of February 18, 2014 Meeting

In Attendance:

John McCutcheon N8XWO
Eric McFadden WD8RIF
Bob Curtis KD8FRQ
Robert Moore KC8KSM
Jim Crouse KC8OVB
John Thomas KC8JWZ
Drew McDaniel W8MHV
Jeff Slattery N8SUZ
Jan Slattery KD8PUJ
Greg Weinfurtnr NS80
John Biddle W8PG
Carl Denbow N8VZ

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

Program

W8MHV – Compare and contrast Elecraft KXPA100 amplifier and homebrew amplifier.

Corrections/additions of Minutes

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Jim Crouse KC8OVB made a motion to accept the minutes. Greg Weinfurtnr NS80 seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, distributed the financial report. The club currently has \$1405.56 in unencumbered funds. Dues are due at this time. Jim followed up with people who did not pay their dues last year and there are 18 members who have not paid their dues. Jeff Slattery N8SUZ made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Bob Curtis.

Old Business

VHF Repeater- Behaving for right now.

UHF Repeater – Comes up whenever it is keyed.

February Potluck – This Saturday, February 22 @ Red Cross Chapter House 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....2 short films. We want some good old fashion home cookin! Hope to see everyone there!

Club Construction/Education Project W8MHV/N8VZ

The group reviewed and compared the features of the Hendricks QRP "Scout Regen Receiver", Ten-Tech Model 1054 Regenerative 4 –Band SWL Receiver and MFJ-8100K World Band Shortwave Radio and all who were present were interested in the MFJ. Jim will contact R and L, Eric will contact Universal and Carl will contact MFJ to inquire about the possibility of a bulk discount. Eric will send out an email about this project to the members.

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

Greg Weinfurtner presented the NC8V Memorial Trophy to John Biddle W8PG.

License Class – Testing is set for March 10th

MS-Walk – Saturday, April 12, 2014 (the day before the Marathon)

N8SUZ – If you are interested in volunteering contact Jeff, N8SUZ, and ask for your usual location. Jeff will contact Linda to see if the route has changed.

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! Eric attended the first organizational meeting in February. They asked for 2 additional operators at the start on West Union this year: one at the announcer's table and one at the cannon. Eric will contact Ted Jacobson about APRS coverage and get the t-shirt sizes to the committee.

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

WD8RIF registered at ARRL; Community Center is reserved. Admission cost: \$5. N8VZ handling table reservations. Indoor table cost: \$8 at least one week prior; \$10 the last week and at gate. Jim will let Drew know about changes to the postcard. The Jackson, Ohio Hamfest is the day before Athens Hamfest and Greg will take some flyers.

WD8RIF took flyers to Mansfield Mid-Winter Hamfest (2014-02-16); all were picked up. KC8OVB noticed table prices (\$10/\$12) aren't same as prices determined by N8VZ and executive committee

Door Prizes: Eric will contact Universal about door prizes and Jim will contact some exhibitors from Dayton. Carl will talk to MFJ. We will give away the same amount of money we gave away last year. Carl has the ticket drum which needs something to protect the edges.

Testing will be handled by Jeff N8SUZ at 10:00.

New Business

Lake Hope Bicycle Race – Sunday, March 30, 2014

N8SUZ was contacted by David Rohrer; coverage needed 9am to 5pm
Tim Kramer might be interested in helping. Jeff will contact people.

Field Day – June 28-29, 2014

WD8RIF – Downloaded Field Day Packet from ARRL; no rule changes from 2013. The group agreed it should be held at the Fair Grounds again. Eric will contact Third Sun Solar about using their demonstration trailer and 9-1-1 regarding the use their mobile 50' crank-up tower. Constantine will be contacted to see if he wants to cater.

Donation from Marathon Committee

Eric will attend the next organizational meeting to see about the availability of a donation similar to what was given in 2009 which was used to buy vests, an Icom 2200 and Byonics All-in-one APRS Unit. He will explain to the Committee that we are looking at the possible need to replace the repeater's RF unit and that the repeater is vital for our support of the Marathon, other public-service events, and emergencies. Jeff will check on the price of a Vertex VXR-7000 and Kenwood TKR-750 to help give an accurate estimate of the cost of a new RF deck for the repeater.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Slattery, Secretary