

## Minutes of April 15, 2014 Meeting

### **In Attendance:**

Eric McFadden WD8RIF  
Bob Curtis KD8FRQ  
Robert Moore KC8KSM  
Jim Crouse KC8OVB  
Jeff Slattery N8SUZ  
Jan Slattery KD8PUJ  
Greg Weinfurtnner NS80  
John McCutcheon N8XWO  
Lowell Jacobs KD8WVY  
Tim Creamer KD8YBE  
Brock Fowler KD8TNV  
Drew McDaniel W8MHV  
Carl J. Denbow N8VZ  
John Thomas KC8JWZ  
Kirk Groeneveld KC8JRV  
Lance Groeneveld Kd8KMZ

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

### **Program**

The program was a demonstration of bicycle mobile set-ups for voice and APRS used during the Athens Marathon by Eric WD8RIF, Bob KD8FRQ and Tim KD8YBE.

### **Corrections/additions of Minutes**

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Bob Moore made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed. John McCutcheon seconded the motion.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, distributed the financial report. The club currently has \$1,717.86 in unencumbered funds. Carl Denbow made a motion to accept the treasurer's report which was seconded by Jeff Slattery. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

#### **VHF Repeater**

Eric removed the winterization and it was working well. Had some sensitivity issues before the marathon but worked beautifully for the marathon.

### **UHF Repeater**

Jeff reported nothing new; it comes up fine. He is trying to figure out the 15 pin configuration for the controller connection.

### **Club Construction / Education Project**

Tentatively set for May 13<sup>th</sup> 5:30-9:30. Jim will check with the Red Cross to be sure the chapter house is available. Eric will call MFJ about the missing battery clips. **Everyone** Please check your inventory and if you are missing anything call MFJ. Carl will contact MFJ to see if they will extend the \$60.00 price if anyone else wants to order one. Please bring pencil soldering irons on project night.

### **Lake Hope Bike Race – March 30, 2014**

Thanks to Greg NS8O, Andy KD8WVX, Bob KD8FRQ, Jeff N8SUZ, Eric WD9RIF, Mike KC8WMY, and Bill K8WJW for working the race. It was a good day despite the late start (an hour delay due to the ice on the road). 2 sets of races of four classes each were run (different times around the 21 mile loop) and it finished about 5:30. We were very much appreciated.

### **MS-Walk – Saturday, April 12, 2014**

Thanks to Marcia KD8VWV, Bob KC8KSM, Jim KC8OVB, Lance KD8KMZ, Kirk KC8JRV, Linsey KD8KNA, Miles KD8KNC, Pete K8PAW, Jeff N8SUZ, Ted W8KVK and Eric WD8RIF for working. Thanks to Ted W8KVK and his brother Rob KB9AFT for developing the APRS online app. It was on display at the Community Center. We were very much appreciated.

### **Athens Marathon – Sunday, April 13, 2014**

Thanks to the 21 operators who worked: Jeff N8SUZ net control, Jan KD8PUJ, Kirk KC8JRV, Linsey KD8KNA, Lance KD8KMZ, Jim KC8OVB, Eric WD8RIF, David KC8RYL, Vickie KC8MAJ, Drew W8MHV, Miles KD8KNC, John N8XWO, John KC8JWZ, Katie KD8KNV, Royce KC8THI, Pete K8PAW, Bob KD8FRQ, Robin KG6DI, Bob KC8KSM, Carl N8VZ, and Tim KD8YBE. Ted W8KVK and Rob KB9AFT developed the APRS online app. This year we added a 3<sup>rd</sup> bike to track the lead female in the full marathon. We were very much appreciated.

### **Donation Request – Athens Marathon Committee**

Eric has a list and will get together with the Executive Committee to prioritize our request.

### **ACARA Hamfest – Sunday, April 27, 2014**

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. N8SUZ confirmed the Masons will provide food to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. John N8XWO will secure cones. Set-up begins at 6:00 AM. A sign-up sheet was sent around for jobs for the hamfest. President Eric McFadden reminded the membership that this event is our only money maker of the year so it would be helpful if every member would work this once a year event. We have 13 table reservations. Eric, Carl and Jim solicited and received various door prize items. Kent WB8HWO has recorded a radio spot. Sharon Perry has indicated an interest in being involved in

hamfest so she will be invited. Eric will schedule a walk-through of the venue and he will email the date and time.

**Field Day – June 28-29, 2014 (24 hours)**

Will be held at the Kiwanis Shelter at the Athens County Fairgrounds and everyone (licensed or not) is invited to participate. We will ask Dan Pfeiffer to bring the low power AM radio station when he brings the crank-up tower. Eric mentioned having a potluck or possibly the club buying burgers. No decision was reached. Jeff will ask for proclamations from the mayor and the commissioners and he will also invite them to stop by.

**ACARA Club Station**

Andy KD8WVX submitted a list of ideas which was read by Eric. There was some discussion about several of the ideas. Eric asked the members to continue to brainstorm possibilities.

**New Business**

**Iron Furnace Trail Run – Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Lake Hope**

Jeff feels he would need at least 5 operators and as of now he has 2. Jeff will send out an email asking for more volunteers. If he doesn't have any more in the next day or two he is going to cancel with the organizer.

**June Club Picnic -Thursday, June 12, 2014**

Jim will check to see if it can be held once again at the Dairy Lane Shelter. More details at our next meeting.

**Lance Groeneveld, AHS senior**

Lance requested signatures and letters of recommendation from the membership for the FAR Scholarships. He recounted his participation with ACARA over the years and his participation with the club so far this year. Lance has been accepted to Ohio University in the College of Arts and Sciences ☺.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Slattery, Secretary