

## Minutes of May 20, 2014 Meeting

### **In Attendance:**

Eric McFadden WD8RIF  
Bob Curtis KD8FRQ  
Robert Moore KC8KSM  
Jim Crouse KC8OVB  
Jeff Slattery N8SUZ  
Jan Slattery KD8PUJ  
John McCutcheon N8XWO  
Drew McDaniel W8MHV  
Carl J. Denbow N8VZ  
John Thomas KC8JWZ  
Chuck Bennett WB8CEE  
Gary Hudson KD8IMS  
Rich Post KB8TAD  
Gary Carter KD8MSR  
John Biddle W8PG  
Greg Weinfurtnr NS8O  
Lowell Jacobs KD8WVY

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 regen receivers by Rich Post, KB8TAD and Eric McFadden, WD8RIF.

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

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. John McCutcheon, N8XWO made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed. John Thomas, KC8JWZ seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, distributed the financial report. The club currently has \$2,003.15 in unencumbered funds. Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ made a motion to accept the treasurer's report which was seconded by John McCutcheon, N8XWO. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

#### **VHF Repeater**

No strange behavior has been reported.

## **UHF Repeater**

Comes up fine.

## **Club Construction / Education Project**

Thanks to Carl, N8VZ for ordering the kits twice! A session was held two weeks ago and 13 people attended. Builders of all ability levels had a great time. Another session can be scheduled if needed. Start thinking about a project we can do next year!! Battery holders were distributed to those who didn't get one with their kits. Contact Eric if you still do not have one.

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

A letter will be sent to the committee requesting monies to winterize the repeater building and replace the VHF repeater RF deck.

## **ACARA Hamfest was held on Sunday, April 27, 2014**

Attendance was 216 with a net profit of \$637.01. Mention was made of the Tourism Grant we received in the past before the criteria was changed. We will look at the grant requirements for next year. Successful VE session with 11 tested with 4 new Techs, 2 General upgrades and 2 Extra upgrades.

## **Iron Furnace Trail Run was held on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Lake Hope**

5 operators: Eric, WD8RIF, Miles, KD8KNC, Kirk, KC8JRV, Jeff, N8SUZ, and Bob Moore, KC8KSM. We were very much appreciated.

## **New Business**

### **June Club Picnic will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 5:30.**

We will eat at 6:00. It will be held once again at the Dairy Lane Shelter at the back of The Ridges. The club will provide burgers, dogs and condiments. Bring a side dish and your own drinks. Hope to see everyone there!

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

Field Day will be held at the Kiwanis Shelter at the Athens County Fairgrounds and everyone (licensed or not) is invited to participate. We will operate Class 1A. K2 is available. Dan Pfeiffer will bring the low power AM radio station when he brings the crank-up tower. Athens Own will cater the food again this year. John McCutcheon will donate \$100.00 for the food. Jeff, N8SUZ will ask for proclamations from the mayor and the commissioners and he will also invite the commissioners to stop by. Lowell, KD8WVY will ask the mayor to come at 1:00 on Saturday. Set up will begin at 10:00AM and we will be on the air at 2:00. We need help setting up and tearing down so please come. Contests are not only

fun but help increase our code speed. Greg, NS8O mentioned practicing ITU phonetics as we read street signs or hats, etc. It's good for emergency use. To practice code listen to the W1AW practice transmissions. Greg demonstrated his code oscillator and encouraged us to remember words rather than individual sounds. Drew, W8MHV will donate a laptop to the club for use on field day and for other events.

**Summer Project July, August, September: Repeater Building**

Greg, NS8O will coordinate this project . This project will be the proposal for the donation from the Marathon Committee. Eric envisions fully insulating the building, installing a solar powered vent fan in the roof and also installing solid state heat. We need to check if the Athens City Code will need to be followed.

**Ohio State Parks on the Air -Sept. 6 at First Shelter House at Strouds Run**

Meet at 10:00 AM. Picnic about 5:00.

The meeting was adjourned 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Slattery, Secretary