

Attendance

Eric McFadden	WD8RIF, Chair
Rich Post	KB8TAD
John Thomas	KC8JWZ
Robert Moore	KC8KSM
Jim Crouse	KC8OVB
Bob Curtis	KD8FRQ
D.J. Amireh	KE8BCX
Jeff Slattery	N8SUZ
John McCutcheon	N8XWO
John Biddle	W8PG
Ty Smathers	guest

Program

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF gave an interesting slide show of the 2015 Dayton Hamvention, which is the largest in the world.

Silent Keys

The family of Gary Hudson, KD8IMJ, SK, sent the club a note thanking us for the flowers we sent for his funeral. Carl Denbow, N8VZ, was able to sell some of Gary's ham equipment at the recent Hamfest.

Corrections/additions of Minutes

There were no additions or corrections made to the minutes. John McCutcheon, N8XWO, motioned to approve the minutes. Robert Moore, KC8KSM seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Crouse, KC8OVB gave the Treasurer's Report. The Athens Hamfest cleared \$937.49 this year (including an ACCVB Grant), which is the best profit since 2009. The attendance was 232; this may have been hurt by the competing Hamfest in Jackson the day before.

Not all dues have been collected yet. The major outstanding expense reported is for the two Yaesu Repeaters mentioned below at \$1000. The total of unencumbered funds is about \$2,400.

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. John McCutcheon, N8XWO, seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Old Business

VHF and UHF Repeaters

The Chair reported that Yaesu has been paid for the two DR-1X repeaters with the Treasurer's credit card. The estimated delivery date for both is in late June. Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, moved that the Treasurer be reimbursed the \$1000 for his payment for the repeaters. Rich Post, KB8TAD, seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ reported that the old VHF unit is functioning normally, but the old UHF unit is dead. This may be due to the power supply. The new unit has an internal supply.

Athens Marathon – Sunday, April 19, 2015

Website: <http://www.athensmarathon.org/>

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF attended a post-Marathon meeting April 30. He reported that they were quite pleased with our help, and want us back next year.

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, organized the amateur radio participation. He reported that there were 18 operators contributing 200 hours of coverage to the event.

Club Construction / Education Spring Project

The Chair tabled this item as Drew McDaniel, W8MHV, who was looking into a possible project was not present.

Athens Hamfest – Sunday, April 26, 2015

Jim Crouse's report on the finances is given above in the Treasurer's Report. He also observed that the use of emails instead of postcards worked pretty well.

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ was in charge of licensing exams. He reported that there were 8 tests given. There were 2 new Technicians and four upgrades to General.

Donation of the IC-701 by William Anderson, Jr., K8WWV

Jim Crouse, KC8OVB picked up IC-701 and its power supply. Drew McDaniel, W8MHV has checked the rig and given it a clean bill of health.

It is one of the first single sideband solid state rigs. The Club will keep it as a loaner.

Summer Fox-Hunt Series.

Kirk Groeneveld, KC8JRV, asked via email if the club was interested in trying fox-hunts? An easy-to-build PVC yagi suitable for such hunts is described in the web site:

http://theleggios.net/wb2hol/projects/rdf/tape_bm.htm

Red Cross Chapter House antenna party

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ will be arranging an antenna party to restore the fallen roof-mounted 2m antenna and to install an HF vertical; this will be with the permission of the Red Cross which has concerns about the roofing warranty. This has not yet been forthcoming.

June Picnic: Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Jim Crouse, KC8OVB has reserved the shelter on Dairy Lane for the cook out. The club will supply the meat (including bratwurst), lettuce and condiments. We will gather at 5:30 PM and eat at 6.

ARRL Field Day – Saturday – Sunday, June 27-28, 2015

Drew McDaniel, W8MHV has reserved the Athens County Fairgrounds for our use. We will set up at 10:00 AM, and start operating at 2:00 PM. Eric, WD8RIF has emailed Third Sun Solar asking about the use of their solar demonstration trailer several times. As of the meeting, there has been no response.

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ said that Dan Pfeiffer has confirmed availability of the 9-1-1 mobile tower on Saturday morning.

Greg Weinfurtner, NS8O via email has volunteered to provide a wind-charged battery if the Third Sun trailer is not available. He has also volunteered use of the call sign NS8O (We have used W8MHV in the past).

Jeff, N8SUZ has arranged with Mayor Paul Wiehl for a City of Athens Proclamation. He has also asked the County Commission for one. We shall get one. John McCutcheon, N8XWO will donate the cost of food for the dinner and breakfast.

Drew, W8MHV will bring his KX3. John McCutcheon, N8XWO will bring the VHF station and an HF antenna, and Eric, WD8RIF will provide additional HF antennas.

New Business

WOUB Spring Membership Campaign May 19 to 22.

The Chair announced that five ACARA members worked one shift during the WOUB-radio Spring Membership Campaign on Tuesday, May 19. The volunteers were Tim Creamer, KD8YBE; Jim Crouse, KC8OVB; Eric McFadden, WD8RIF; Vickie McFadden, KC8MAJ; and Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ.

Lake Hope Bicycle Race State Finals – Sunday, July 19, 2015

Jeff, N8SUZ announced that the state wide bicycle organization has picked the Zaleski course to hold its final race. This is the same course as the one used in March. Any repeat volunteers can be at the same station as back then. We should be there between 9:00 AM and 9:30. Racing starts at 10:00 AM. Jeff would like more volunteers for this.

Ohio State Parks on the Air (OSPota) – Saturday, September 12, 2015

<http://www.ospota.org/>

John McCutcheon, N8XWO is organizing it. We start setting up at 10:00AM at the Bull Dog Shelter. We will transmit primarily on 40 meters. Jeff, N8SUZ, like last year, will cover Jackson Lake and Lake Alma.

Buckeye Trail Association Marathon: “Run for the Blue Blazes”

Jeff, N8SUZ explained that this will be held on October 24 along the New Straitsville section of the Buckeye Trail. Runners will be registered at Burr Oak Lodge. They will be bused to the start of the race at Tecumseh Lake, and will run along the Buckeye Trail and eventually cross Tom Jenkins Dam at Burr Oak Lake and finish back at the Lodge. There will be aid stations every 5 miles. We will have to use simplex to communicate.

The Bobcat Trail Marathon

This is scheduled for Sunday, November 8 this year.

The Chair suggested that we have another VE session, perhaps October 19.

John McCutcheon, N8XWO moved, and John Thomas, KC8JWZ seconded a motion that the meeting be adjourned. It was duly carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Curtis, KC8FRQ.