

Alliance Amateur Radio Club

March 11th, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Reminders:

Looking for a Chairman for Summer Field Day.

Club Memberships are expiring at the end of March. Please renew memberships

Meeting called to order by: President Ron Rittenhouse (KE8HCY)

Devotion led by: Frank Sanor (WA8WHP)

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Chris (AC8VN)

1) Roll call was taken: 14 members present – 4 guests present

Members

John Myers (KD8MQ)

Chris McDaniel (AC8VN)

Justin Corner (W8JKC)

Rick Graber (WD8AYC)

James Andrews (KD8VT)

Ron Rittenhouse (KE8HCY)

Andrew Magda (AC8JR)

Frank Sanor (WA8WHP)

Tomas St. George (KC8ZEH)

Dallas Underwood (KB8SKS)

Jeremy Toole (KE8NAU)

Doug Mathew (KB8DNQ)

Mike Collins (N8ND)

Dave Moreno (KE8JLP)

Guests

Ben Davis (KD8KMQ)

Doug Jimison

Jen Jimison

Brian (K3CAK)

2) Introduction of members and guests was done.

3) Members birthday recognition: 3/10 Mike Urban (KE8AKS), 3/19 Kevin Settle (N8KEV), 3/28 Jared Shuman (KC3AKS)

4) Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved.

5) Treasurer's Report: Checking: \$XXXX, Savings: N/A

6) Review / Approval of Jan 8th Meeting Minutes: Waived

## 7) Officers Reports:

President Ron Rittenhouse (KE8HCY): Things Ron has been working on

1. Participating on the 2m Net
2. Training for the General License
3. Article for the March Zero Beat
4. Always monitoring the 2m net
5. Working on 2 potential Community service projects for the Club to help with
6. Working with the Mayor on potential Homeland Security help

Vice President Doug Matthew (KB8DNQ): NTR

Secretary Jeremy Toole (KE8AU): Renewing Club Memberships and Insurance for equipment

Treasurer John Myers (KD8MQ) : Renewing AARC memberships as they are coming due at the end of March.

Join/Renew AARL memberships through the Club website as this give the Club some money for completing this

Trustees: Nothing to Report

## 8) Committee Reports:

a) 2 Meter Net – Tomas St. George (KC8ZEH): on 2/11 16, 2/20 13, 2/27 14, 3/5 18

b) 10 Meter CW Net – Frank Sanor (WA8WHP): 1-2 check-ins.

c) 10 Meter Sideband Net – John Myers (KD8MQ): About the same

d) Homeland Security Net – James Andrews (KD8VT) reports on 2/11 6, 2/18 8, 2/25 7, 3/3 3

e) 2 Meter Repeater – John Myers (KD8MQ): John reports that in the near future he will be doing a check up on the repeater and ensuring it is in good health and verify operation

f) 440 Repeater – John Myers (KD8MQ): It's working! Still plugging away

g) 2019 – 2020 DX Contest – John Myers (KD8MQ): The contest began on October 1<sup>st</sup>. It runs until March 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. The contest is among club members to see who can work the greatest number of countries. It's scored by you exporting your entire log for that period and emailing it to John. John will load it into his logging program which will quantify the number of countries you've worked. If there is more than 1 entry, the winner will receive a prize or certificate or something (Yaesu Hat). You must be a club member and must be able to export your log in the ADI format. Most of the logging programs in use now will do that.

h) Ways & Means –Doug Matthew (KB8DNQ): Buying a YAESU 450 for Raffle. Tickets are selling good. John reported that We are in the Black for the fundraiser at this time

i) Training Classes – Frank Sanor (WA8WHP): Due to area concerns Franks Class will be moved to the Louisville Sportsman Club for the final classes and Testing coming up. Communications to the students and Rex will be going out for directions to allow the testing to take place.

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9) Old Business: Business Cards/Pamphlets (John stated these are close to being complete.

10) New Business:

- a) PO Box Rent 106.00 (Frank motioned, Jeremy Second, Motion voted and Passed)
- b) Club Equipment Insurance 112.20 (Chris motioned, Andy Second, Motion voted and Passed)
- c) Club Enclosed Equipment Trailer (Doug Motioned, James second, Motion voted and Passed)

11) Announcements:

Breakfast: April 4th, 8:30 A.M., Don Poncho's Restaurant – 2105 W. State St. Alliance

Pre-meeting Dinner April 8<sup>th</sup> 6 P.M., Chives. ALLIANCE

12) Next Meeting Date: April 8<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm at the First Christian Church 1141 W Beech St, Alliance Ohio 44601

13) Round Table: Club Equipment Trailer

Opened for discussion due to the needs of getting equipment in one area due to stuff at different locations and stuff at a non-member house. With a trailer it will allow field days to go much smoother with all equipment in one place for transport. James Andrews stated that the club could keep the trailer at his residence. It was discussed on to what a good budget would be for the trailer and the needs of what could be done with it. It was determined that XXXX was able to be budgeted for this and Doug motioned for XXXX to be the budget and James seconded the motion. It was voted and passed. Ron asked Chris and James to head up the search and purchase of a used trailer. Chris also suggested a ladder rack for the top to allow transport of the Clubs Rohn tower structure.

Dave mentioned that the Frank's Family restaurant gift cards will be honored at the A-Town Burgers

14) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

15) DMR Presentation.

Dave Beltz WD8AYE talked about some of the benefits of DMR radio and what's soon to be coming to the area with a new DMR repeater for the Alliance area. He is working with the city to determine a good location for the equipment. Justin Corner stated that he has been work on the coding plug for certain radios.