

Alliance Amateur Radio Club

November 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Reminders:

We still need the Chairman's Planning Guides for projects that have been done this fiscal year.

We also need to make sure that all of the new equipment is added to the club insurance policy.

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

Devotion led by: Frank Sanor (WA8WHP)

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Ken Moats (KE8NAT)

1) Roll call was taken: 26 members present – 4 guests present

Members

Dave Moreno (KE8JLP)
John Myers (KD8MQ)
Chris McDaniel (AC8VN)
Paul Richardson (K2ASA)
Andrew Magda (AC8JR)
Dwight Turner (KD8YFV)
Peter Lucke (N8IGZ)
Bryan Webler (N8WD)
Ken Moats (KE8NAT)
Karen Andrews (N8HUC)
James Andrews (KD8VT)
Howard Miller (K8DXR)
Tony Schillig (KD8BBK)
Ron Rittenhouse (KE8HCY)
Rick Graber (WD8AYC)
Frank Sanor (WA8WHP)
Tomas St. George (KC8ZEH)
Jeremy Toole (KE8NAU)
Doug Matthew (KB8DNQ)
John Molesky (N8PLA)
Mike Collins (N8ND)
Charlie Thiess (KE8EQI)
Heath Urban (KE8KAV)
Rex Simmons (NX8G)
Jim Yeagley (W8JMY)

Guests

Susie Bishop
Miriam Sanor
Dave Beltz (WD8AYE)
Rick Smith (KC8SUI)

2) Introduction of members and guests was done.

3) Members birthday recognition: 11/2 Jeremy Toole, 11/4 Lorin Klienhiems, 11/8 Heath Urban and Joe Williamson

4) Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved.

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

6) Review / Approval of September 11 Meeting Minutes: Waived

7) Officers Reports:

President Ron Rittenhouse (KE8HCY): Ron stated reminded everyone of the Christmas dinner on the 4th of December. Reminded everyone of the deadline to RVSP for head count for the Church. Ron did state that the reception on the 2m has greatly improved close to 30 miles.

Vice President Doug Matthew (KB8DNQ): Not in attendance.

Secretary Jeremy Toole (KE8AU): Nothing to report.

Trustees: Held Special Election prior to meeting for the Secretary position. Jeremy Toole was elected as Secretary

8) Committee Reports:

a) 2 Meter Net – Tomas St. George (KC8ZEH): on 10/10 we had 22 check-ins, on 10/17 we had 22 check-ins, on 10/24 we had 22 check-ins, and on 10/31 we had 24 check-ins and on 11/7 we had 23

b) 10 Meter CW Net – Frank Sanor (WA8WHP): 1 to 2 check-ins seems to be the new normal. Last week there were 3. With the new tower up, hopefully it will get better.

c) 10 Meter Sideband Net – John Myers (KD8MQ): Nothing new to report. The band is up and down. It's a little better now with the antenna up on the new tower. John will be putting the net script up on the club website, so if anyone is interested in sharing the hosting, it would be appreciated.

d) Homeland Security Net – Loren Kleinhans (KD8WVE): on 10/15 we had 7 check-ins, on 10/22 we had 7 check-ins, on 10/29 we had 8 check-ins, on 11/5 we had 11 check-ins and 13 check in for 11/12

e) 2 Meter Repeater – John Myers (KD8MQ): reported lots of interest from the Massillon Hamfest

f) 440 Repeater – John Myers (KD8MQ): It's working! In the future, we're going to need to get a new antenna for it, but for now it's working well.

g) 2019 – 2020 DX Contest – John Myers (KD8MQ): The contest began on October 1st. It runs until March 31st of the following year. The contest is among club members to see who can work the most 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 – Andy Magda (AC8JR) / Doug Matthew (KB8DNQ): Nothing at this time. At the beginning of the year we will raffle off a base unit to replenish our funds, as well as raffling off an Alinco DJ-MD5 DMR HT in January. It's new. It's been tested. It works perfectly. It has never been used. The only caveat is that it was purchased more than a year ago, so it has no warrantee.

i) Training Classes – Frank Sanor (WA8WHP): Frank stated that he has 2 people that have shown interest in the classes. He then stated that the venue and time will be announced later as they probably won't start until after the 1st of the year. With Frank's schedule and availability of facilities it is looking like Tuesday's at the Alliance community hospital conference room from 6pm-8pm.

j) Toy Drive Auction for the Fire Fighters Toy Drive: The auction was held after the November 13th meeting.

k) 2019 December Meeting: The December meeting will be on the second Wednesday 12/11/19

9) Old Business:

a) 2 Meter Repeater Relocation – John Myers (KD8MQ): Already discussed above.

10) New Business:

a) December 7th Bell ringers for the Salvation Army at the Save a Lot grocery store at College plaza

b) Winter Field Day – John Myers (KD8MQ): TRI C Airport Hanger is being utilized for the 2020 winter Field day. Looking at the possibility of a Porta Potty

11) Announcements:

Breakfast: December 7th, 8:30 A.M., Don Poncho's Restaurant – 2105 W. State St. Alliance

Pre-meeting Dinner: December 11th, 5:30 P.M., Don Poncho's Restaurant – 2105 W. State St. Alliance

November Program: AARC Fire Fighters Toy Drive Auction

12) Next Meeting Date: December 11th, 7:30 P.M., Alliance (Aultman) City Hospital / Café Conference Room

13) Round Table: Tomas (KC8ZEH) stated that he's still trying to get people that can / will talk to Herb Graybill (AC8UE) on the Millersburg repeaters. Frank (WA8WHP) asked about interest in a General Class. Let him know if you're interested.

14) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

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