

Minutes of the January 2023 meeting of The Alliance Amateur Radio club (AARC)

The AARC met on Wednesday, January 11th, 2023, at Christ United Methodist Church (470 E. Broadway St, Alliance, OH).

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM, by President Ron Rittenhouse, KE8HCY.

After a devotion by President Ron, the Pledge of Allegiance was given by Andy Magda, AC8JR.

A roll call was taken of members & guests. According to the sign-in sheet, there were 22 people in attendance, including guest Anna Williams.

The following Birthday was acknowledged:

- Tony, Schillig, KD8BBK Jan 8

Secretary & Treasurer Reports:

Given by John, WG8X (Copies of the current treasurer's report were available at the meeting, and were sent to all members on the AARC-Members list on Groups.io.

- The following correspondence was received since the November meeting:
 - Our invoice from Jeff Walker Catering was received & paid
 - 2 checks were received from Billing.com on behalf of the Givinga foundation. These totaled \$104.24. A motion was made by KB8RFE, and seconded by WB8OVQ that these funds should be held for the 2023 Fall fundraiser.
 - We are now signed up with Amazon Smile. It was explained that for each purchase made on Amazon Smile by a participant, Amazon will donate a portion back to the named charity. More information on how to name the Alliance Amateur Radio club at ones charity of choice will be sent out on the next 7-10 days.
 - The club cash flow report for 2022 was discussed. This will be shared via the club e-mail list at aarc-members@groups.io in the next 7-10 days.
 - Along those lines, it was announced that WG8X has volunteered to chair the ARRL Field Day in June. The location would likely be the Edgewater Golf Course near Minerva. This year, we are looking at dinner being catered by the Golf course staff.
More info will be available at the February, or March meeting.

Motion to approve the Secretary/Treasurer report given by KE8OWD, Seconded by WB8OVQ.
Approved via voice vote.

Officers Reports:

President (KE8HCY)

- Ron states that he has been in contact with the (Aultman) Alliance Community Hospital trying to get us back in to the Community room for our meetings. He hasn't heard back yet.
- Ron brought us up to date on the Elmer awards that were handed out at the Christmas Party. He was also appreciative for being chosen as the 2022 Ham of the Year.

Vice-President (N/A) – No report

Trustees – No report

Committee Reports

- **Two meter net** Tomas, kc8zeh
 - Tomas began with a brief update on the situation with Rick, WD8AYC, who is in a care facility in Carrollton (Carroll Health, 648 Longhorn, room 305).
 - Following with the 2 Meter Net reports, he presented the following numbers:
 - Dec 15th – 16 Check-Ins
 - Dec 22nd – 12 check-Ins
 - Dec 29th – 12 Check-Ins
 - Jan 5th – 14 Check-ins
- **10 Meter CW Net**
 - (currently Inactive – Need Net Manager)
- **10 Meter SSB net** john(wg8x)
 - Usually between 6-10 check-ins
- **Homeland Security Net** James(kd8vt)
 - No report – KD8VT not present
 - There were 13 Check-Ins on Jan 10th, according to Andy, AC8JR
- **Digital net**
 - (currently Inactive – Need Net Manager)
- **Repeaters (2M/440)**
 - No report at this time
- **Winter Field Day (WFD)** – Ron, & Doug, KE8OWD have gone out to the WFD site (Louisville Sportsman Club, 5300 Maplegrove St, Louisville, OH).
 - **Secretary note: WFD occurs on Jan 28/29, from 2 PM Saturday, to 2 PM Sunday. Their website is <https://www.winterfieldday.com/>**
 - It was asked if members could bring their own rigs & antennas in order to operate under their own callsigns, it was stated by President Ron that this would be OK. WG8X interjected that this will not be allowed for ARRL Field Day in June (**due to possible interference between stations**).
 - It was announced that the rifle range at the Sportsman club will be shut down for that weekend.
 - The Sportsman Club has kitchen facilities that will be open to us.
 - Our Winter Field Day page has been linked to the Louisville Sportmans Club website (<http://louisvillesportsmans.com/>).

- **Old Business –**
 - **Christmas Party** - According to Ron, KE8HCY, we have a firm date with the caterer for December 9th, 2023

- **New Business**
 - A motion was made to approve the \$100 that was donated to the Alliance Choraliers; the entertainment for the evening. Motion made by Steve KB8RFE, seconded by Karen WD8BIW. Passed on voice vote.
 - We purchased two floral arrangements during the previous 2 months
 - A arrangement for Jeremy Toole’s family on the passing of his Father
 - A poinsettia for Rick, WD8AYC.
 - These were not exceed \$50 each.
 - There was no motion to approve, nor was this voted on.
 - A motion was made to donate \$50 to the Louisville Sportsmans Club
 - Motion was made by Tomas KC8ZEH, No second was given. Passed on voice vote.

- **Announcements**
 - WG8X mentioned that 4 HF rig suggestions will be presented at the February meeting. One of these will be chosen for our 2023 HF Rig raffle.
 - Yaesu FT-DX10 - \$1399
 - Icom IC-705 - \$1349
 - Yaesu FT-991 - \$1259
 - Yaesu FT-710 - \$1049

It was suggested that we offer two HF Rigs (1st & 2nd prizes). This will be discussed at the February meeting.
 - The Icom IC-7300 which was purchased for the 2022 HF Rig Raffle cost \$1099
 - Ron, KE8HCY went down a list of Hamfests for the Ohio Section, including Cuyahoga Falls in April, and Mansfield in July.
 - WG8X announced that a Ham in N. Canton had donated some equipment to the club. Club members will have first dibs on these items. An inventory is being compiled, and will be available at the February meeting

- **50/50 Drawing** – The 50/50 drawing raised \$31 total (\$15.50 to the winner). It was won by Tomas KC8ZEH, who took \$11, donating \$4.50 back to the club

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Following was the election for Vice-President. Trustee Howard, K8DXR was ill & not able to attend.

Those running were James, KD8VT, and Doug, KE8OWD. After a ballot vote, KE8OWD was declared the winner. Of 20 ballots, cast, KE8OWD had 17 votes.

Minutes respectfully submitted by John, WG8X, secretary / treasurer, AARC