

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

The AARC met on Wednesday, March 8th, 2023, at Christ United Methodist Church (470 E. Broadway St, Alliance, OH).

The meeting was called to order at 7:32PM, 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 17 people in attendance.

Secretary & Treasurer Reports:

The previous months minutes were posted to w8lky.org.

A letter was read from Don Kingan, AB8KV. He thanked the club for sending flowers to the funeral of his Wife, Judy.

Given by John, WG8X (Copies of the current treasurer's report were available) Also was sent to the AARC-Members list on Groups.io.

The numbers from the monthly treasurer's report were given. Copies are available by emailing the treasurer.

Details of the club HF Rig Raffle were given. After being open for only 12 days, we had already come to within \$600 of the break-even point for the project.

We were to be selling tickets at the Elyria Hamfest on March 12th, and several more opportunities are coming up to buy tickets in person.

A reminder was made that the dues year ends on March 31st.

1. In person at the club meeting
2. Via Paypal at W8LKY.org, and e-mail the renewal form to us
Or fill out the form, and send it along with your payment to the club P.O. Box (P. O. box 3344, alliance, OH 44601)

Motion to approve the Treasurer report made by KC8ZEH, Seconded by KE8IYN.

Approved via voice vote.

Motion to approve the Secretary report made by [Unknown], Seconded by [Unknown].

Approved via voice vote.

The following Birthdays were acknowledged:

- Mike Urban, KE8CKL
- Jennifer Williams, KB3GXB
- Jim Bargdill, KE8VZE

Officers Reports:

President (KE8HCY)

- Ron Spoke about the University of Mount Union Amateur Club which we are assisting with.
 - He had Doug speak about the presentation that a group of AARC members did for the UMU class.
 - A donation from the AARC was discussed, to purchase ARRL publications for the Mt. Union Club.
A motion was made by WG8X to donate \$150, Seconded by Doug, KE8OWD. It was decided to donate \$200.00 to the group. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Trustees – No report

- No report at this time.

Committee Reports

- **Two Meter Net** Tomas, KC8ZEH
 - **February 2nd**
 - 16 Check-ins, and on the air 25 Minutes
 - **February 9th**
 - 14 Check-ins, and on the air 42 Minutes
 - **February 16th**
 - 13 Check-ins, and on the air 32 Minutes
 - **February 23rd**
 - 12 Check-ins, and on the air 30 Minutes
 - **March 2nd**
 - 16 Check-ins, and on the air 23 Minutes
- **10 Meter CW Net**
 - (currently Inactive – Need Net Manager)

10 Meter SSB net John (wg8x)

- Usually between 5-12 check-ins
- Kudos to Steve, KB8RFE for alternate net control, and relay
- **Homeland Security Net** James(kd8vt)
 - For the last 4 weeks.
 - Total check-ins 49
 - Total time 1 hours 42 min.
- **Repeaters** (2M/440)

- 2 Meter is working Ok
- 440 repeater will need Antenna repair/ replacement this summer.
- **Digital net**
 - (currently Inactive – Need Net Manager)

At this time, WG8X asked that Field Day be added to the agenda as a continuing item until July.

It was asked if we could do club shirts once again. WG8X replied that he was already working on that.

- **Fundraiser**
 - The fundraiser was discussed.
- **Programs**
 - Ron was asking for volunteers to do programs
- VE Session – James, KD8VT
 - We got one new general from our latest VE session
 - The next VE session is April 22nd

Old Business –

- Shawn, KD8ZEZ was asking for a volunteer to help him in the search for permanent home for the club. It was added to a new committee named AARC-Home

New Business

- Ron brought up the lack of Echolink. Why aren't we up?
 - WG8X voiced his opinion that
 - A) Amateur Radio has survived the last hundred years without Echolink
 - B) Echolink is not on WG8X's radar.
 - C) If anyone else would like to bring Echolink back for the club, they are welcome to do so.
- The bill for the Post office box was presented. The cost is \$176/yr. It was already paid
 - Motion to approve the payment was made by WG8X, seconded by Bob warner, WB8OVQ, and passed on a voice vote.
- The club equipment insurance was due, in the amount of \$97.15
 - Motion to approve the payment was made by KE8OWD, seconded by Tomas, KC8ZEH, and passed on a voice vote.
- 2023 Fundraiser
 - Doug had noted that we bought the radio at DX Engineering, and got a Veterans discount by purchasing it from the summit Racing side of the store.
- Program

- Dwight, KD8YFV presented a program on solar panels for Amateur radio.
- Announcements
 - Stark County Skywarn – March 15th @ Jackson High School
- The next club breakfast will be on April 1st @ 8:30 AM at Don Pancho's (2105 W. State St)
- The next AARC meeting will be on April 12th at the Christ United Methodist Church. 7:30 PM.
- **50/50 Drawing** – The 50/50 drawing raised \$46 total (\$23.00 to the winner). It was won by Andy, AC8JR.

Meeting was adjourned approximately 9:05 PM.

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