

Alliance Amateur Radio Club

December 11, 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: Tomas (KC8ZEH)

1) Roll call was taken: 15 members present – 2 guests present

Members

John Myers (KD8MQ)
Chris McDaniel (AC8VN)
Dwight Turner (KD8YFV)
Peter Lucke (N8IGZ)
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)
Rex Simmons (NX8G)

Guests

Ben Davis (KD8KMQ)
Andrew Williams (KE8ELK)

2) Introduction of members and guests was done.

3) Members birthday recognition: Mike Collins (N8ND) 12/5, Gwen Snyder (KE8NAV) 12/10, Justin Conner W8JKC 12/31

4) Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved.

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

6) Review / Approval of November 13th Meeting Minutes: Waived

7) Officers Reports:

President Ron Rittenhouse (KE8HCY): Ron thanked everyone that attended the Christmas dinner. A decision was made to move forward in a different direction on the distribution of a donation that was initially slated to be given to Alliance Fire Department Union's Toys for Kids project. AFD canceled the Toys project between AARC's 2019 November meeting and AARC's 2019 December meeting. First, The Executive Committee and the Trustees of AARC were contacted and approved the re-designation of funds to a similar youth project. As President of AARC, then spent about Three (3) hours on the phone, emails and Facebook messenger contacting all the members of AARC to change direction from AFD to Alliance Police Department's FOP Union #73 project "Cops helping Kids". APD's project provides Winter Clothes and other essentials for "Our Kids" in the Alliance Area. The \$685. raised in our annual "Fund Raiser for Kids" project this past November 2019 has been received by the Alliance Police Department, Co-Chairs John Myers KD8MQ and Tony Schillig KD8BBK have completed the project.

Vice President Doug Matthew (KB8DNQ): Mentioned the upcoming Hamfest for the Tusco Amateur Radio Club. This is on January 26th in Strasburg.

Secretary Jeremy Toole (KE8AU): Nothing to report.

Trustees: Nothing to Report

8) Committee Reports:

a) 2 Meter Net – Tomas St. George (KC8ZEH): on 11/14 we had 13 check-ins, on 11/21 we had 22 check-ins,

b) 10 Meter CW Net – Frank Sanor (WA8WHP): 3 check-ins seem to be the new normal.

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 12/9 we had 12 check-ins, on 12/3 we had 10 check-ins, on 11/26 we had 9 check-ins, on 11/19 we had 9 check-ins

e) 2 Meter Repeater – John Myers (KD8MQ): Nothing to report

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

g) 2 Meter repeater – James (KD8VT): Asked about the repeater identifying every 10 minutes. Ben (KD8KMQ) stated due to the Echolink it will identify every 10 minutes. Ben stated that it will have to identify as that how it is programmed due to being a Raspberry PI setup. There were several questions regarding this setup up to see if it would be possible to shut down in the evening from 11pm to 6am. After several side bar conversations, it was requested to be tabled and brought to the Repeater committee for further discussion.

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 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 – 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) Toy Drive Auction for the Fire Fighters Toy Drive: The auction was held after the November 13th meeting. We changed direction from AFD to Alliance Police Department's FOP Union #73 project "Cops helping Kids" APD's project provides Winter Clothes and other essentials for "Our Kids" in the Alliance Area

10) New Business:

a) Reviewed the New proposed Donation Letter with the members

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

c) Several Locations were discussed about possible different locations for our pre meeting dinner locations

d) Motion brought forth for ordering checks: Motion passed

e) Motion brought forth for purchase of Flowers from Dehoff's (Christmas dinner): Motion passed

f) Motion for the removal of the words "Fair Value" from the proposed Donation letter: Motion passed

g) Motion for the F.C.C Crew Tip: Motion passed

11) Announcements:

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

Pre-meeting Dinner: January 8th, 5:30 P.M., CHIVES GRILLE 2355 S. UNION AVE. ALLIANCE

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12) Next Meeting Date: January 8th, 7:30 P.M., Alliance (Aultman) City Hospital / Café Conference Room

13) Round Table: Chris (AC8VN) brought up a comment on certificates. He stated that a printed certificate was not needed for him as a way to help save the club money. Several other were in agreement as well. Several discussed the idea of a certificate made up and Emailed to the recipient and that they could print it out if they would like as in the long run this can save money.

14) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

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