

Minutes of the April 10th, 2024, meeting of The Alliance Amateur Radio club (AARC).

The AARC met on Wednesday, April 10th, 2024, at Alliance Community Hospital (200 E. State St, Alliance).

The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM, by President John Myers, WG8X.

After a devotion by Chaplain Ron Rittenhouse, KE8HCY, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andy Magda, AC8JR.

A roll call was taken of members & guests. We had 20 members in attendance, and 2 guests.

### **Birthdays**

The following birthdays were acknowledged:

- Paul Dluhosh - N4PD
- Richard Graber Jr. - WD8AYC
- Phillip Buckhannon - KE8MEP
- Ronald Rittenhouse - KE8HCY
- Mark Hines - KA8TNT
- Douglas Jimison - KE8OWD
- Allen Smith - KE8ZLS
- Sandy Kleinhans - KE8ZLY
- David Kleinhans - KE8IYN

### **Officers Report**

- **Secretary report**
  - Minutes are posted online.
  - Roster is up to date as of this past weekend.
  - Motion to approve by Heath, KE8KAV, seconded by Bob, WB8OVQ
- **Treasurer's report**
  - Paul gave a rundown on the finances over the past month.
  - \$275 donated for the headsets and radio accessories
  - Motion to approve by Jim, KE8VZE, seconded by Howard, K8DXR

### **Upcoming Events**

- June 12th will be at the Jaycee pavilion at Silver Park
  - Get on the air (Afternoon)
  - Cookout (6 PM)
  - Short club meeting afterwards

- Group activities
  - Two-Meter Group Build & Get on the air day
  - We have a less expensive design to try out in the coming days. We should be below \$10 per antenna
- CW Classes (Tony)
  - Tuesday nights at the hospital
  - One more session to go
- Club POTA activations
  - Hoping to get something setup for this summer, somewhere near Alliance
  - More info to come
- Aluminum J-Pole Build
  - Sometime this summer

### Committee reports

- **Repeaters**
  - 2 Meter
    - Repeater is working well
  - 440 Repeater
    - Repeater is working great
    - Antenna is doing well
    - Feedline is likely full of water
    - New antenna should be in, and we'll need to get the line swapped
- **Shirts and Hats**
  - Found another local business that we've ordered some samples from
  - Also getting an order form together
  - Will pass around next month
- **UMU Radio Club**
  - Nothing new to report at the moment
- **Club Activities**
  - Rig Raffle
    - About 700 tickets sold so far
    - There are a few ham fests coming up that we'll be selling at
- **440 Net** Lorin, KD8WVE
  - Net information was not reported due to Lorin not being in attendance.
- **Homeland Security Net** James, KD8VT
  - Net information was not reported at this time.

- **10 Meter Digital Net** Steve, KB8RFE
  - 4 sessions
  - 16 check-ins, 114 minutes on air
- **6 Meter Digital Net** Steve, KB8RFE
  - 4 sessions
  - 10 check-ins, 73 minutes on air
- **10 Meter SSB Net** John, WG8X
  - 4 sessions
  - 28 check-ins, 48 minutes on air
- **Two Meter Net** Tomas, KC8ZEH
  - 4 sessions
  - 69 check-ins (28 Echolink), 124 minutes on air

#### **Old Business**

- **New equipment**
  - Everything we've ordered has arrived and is in working order.
  - It's all in the trailer currently.
  - Going to pull it out before field day and put everything together.
  - Only thing we still need to get is the Heil headsets and footswitches.
- **ARRL Equipment Insurance**
  - Insurance has been paid up for the year.

#### **New Business**

- **Hall of Fame Parade**
  - Looking for volunteers to help with Hall of Fame Parade
  - Information can be found at [hofhams.info](http://hofhams.info)
- **Stark County Radio Club Picnic**
  - Picnic will be Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 10AM-3PM
  - Jaycee Pavilion at Butler-Rodman Park
- **Zoom Meetings**
  - Would like to make our meetings available via Zoom.
  - Need a volunteer to put things together.
  - Reach out to John if you're interested

We went around the table for any additional comments or announcements before adjourning.

A short break was taken before adjourning.

Our 50/50 winner was drawn for this meeting.

Bob, WB8OVQ, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM, seconded by Jim, W8JMY.