

## **Minutes of the February 2006 Dial Radio Club Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by the President, N8EH, at 7:00 p.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March.

Members present: N8BH, K8CM, N8DHW, WA8DTU, N8EH, W8EH, N8GGE, N8HP, W8ISZ & Marg, WB8MVT, KC8NHP, WD8NKQ, N8NQG, WA8PRA, AF8T, N8TFH, KC8TXA, KB8WKL, W8WLM.

Since the newsletter has not been distributed, and the Secretary forgot to bring a printed copy of the minutes, no action was made to approve the minutes of the February meeting.

Ron, N8NQG, presented the treasurer's report which reflected a membership of 74 persons representing 49 families. Barney, N8HP, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Carl, K8CM, seconded. The motion passed with one dissenting vote – thanks Frank.

Ernie, W8EH provided the station report. The 440 MHz transmitter is still awaiting repair. The West Middletown repeater on 147.315 MHz seems to be experience occasional interference that might be due to railroad activity.

Lorie, W8LKU, gave the activities report and announced that ARES is going to provide communications for the Memorial Day Parade in Hamilton. Volunteers will be needed in order to have a great outcome. Lorie will provide more details at later meetings.

Beverley, N8GGE, reported that the next exam session held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April at MUM. The General Class Course is scheduled to begin on March 22.

**Old Business:** None.

### **New Business:**

Bob Rohrbach, WD8NKQ, was sponsored for membership in DIAL by Ron, N8NQG. The motion to approve was made by Ron, N8NQG and seconded by Ernie, W8EH. The motion passed unanimously. Brian Homan, KC8NHP, was sponsored for membership in DIAL by Don, WA8DTU. The motion to approve was made by Ron, N8NQG and seconded by Carl, K8CM. The motion passed unanimously. Welcome to Bob and Brian!

Ernie, N8EH, asked for a discussion of food for the upcoming Hamvention. A number of possibilities were discussed, after which, Ernie, W8EH made a motion to ask Judy and Ron (N8NQG) to again provide the excellent box lunches we have enjoyed in the last year. The motion was seconded by Lorie, W8LKU, and passed. In the ensuing discussion, the treasurer, Ron, N8NQG, revealed that although food generated a small surplus, the donations for sold items had resulted in a loss on the rental space of the Hamvention Flea Market sites last year. A motion was made by Beverley, N8GGE and seconded by Ernie, N8EH to set the Hamvention food rates at \$10/day or \$25 for the weekend – an increase of \$5 for those attending all three days. The motion passed. Ron, N8NQG moved to increase the requested donation from flea

market sales from 5% to 10%. The motion was seconded by Carl, K8CM. Barney, N8HP, offered an amendment to the motion that those members renewing after the first of April be asked for 10% donations and those renewing before April 1 continue at last year's 5% donation rate. The amendment was seconded by Don, WA8DTU. The amendment failed by a vote of 8 to 5, while the motion to increase the requested donation passed by a vote of 8 to 6. In other Hamvention related discussion, the check for the spaces has not been cashed – which seems to be normal. Last year we received confirmation of the sites only a few weeks before Hamvention.

The President, N8EH, asked for a volunteer for the Field Day Committee. No one was forthcoming so he reluctantly agreed to chair the committee. W8EH again reassured the membership that DIAL is the only group that has a reservation on the area we normally use for Field Day. A short discussion of Field Day was held and the consensus was that we need to get Butler County VHF involved in the planning as well. The first Field Day planning meeting will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March at MUM – room details to be announced later. A message will be sent to the BCVHF reflector about the meeting since their meeting occurs after the first Field Day planning meeting.

Rick, AF8T, made an announcement about [www.hello-radio.org](http://www.hello-radio.org), a website to promote amateur radio with the general public. He encouraged all to check it out.

Reservations for food at Hamvention need to be made and paid no later than Friday, May 5.

The Business Meeting was closed at approximately 8:20 pm.

*Submitted by Barney Taylor, N8HP, Secretary*