



Dial Radio Club



Middletown, Ohio

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Minutes of the February 19, 2007 Dial Radio Club Meeting

Attendance

K8CM, N8DHW, WA8DTU, KC8DUX & Mary Ann, W8EH, N8GGE, N8HP, KI8I, W8ISZ & Marg, W8LKU, WB8MYT, KC8NHP, WD8NKQ & Barb, N8NQG, N8OZN, WA8PRA, K2RWP, KB8WKL, KC8WOF



Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by W8EH at 7:02 pm.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as published electronically was made by Ron, N8NQG, and seconded by Bob, WB8NKQ. The motion passed.



Treasurer's Report:

Ron, N8NQG, presented the treasurer's report which reflected a membership 79 persons and 55 families. The Audit Committee will meet for the first time in March. Carl, K8CM, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and, Bob, WD8NKQ, seconded. The motion passed.

Repeater/Station Report:

Ernie, W8EH, reported that the repeater system is working at the same level as last month – primarily the interference to the Monroe remote receiver. Carl, K8CM, reported that the Echolink system has been up for 70 hours. During that time 53 users have 'connected' to W8BLV-R via the internet. Some of the users were from as far away as Russia, Germany, Canada and England. Brian, KC8NHP, added that a friend from Australia had made use of the system as well.

Activity Report:

Lorie, W8LKU, gave the activities report. The next Butler county ARES meeting will be at Butler Tech, Room 229 on March 14 at 7:00 pm. She reminded those in attendance that ARES net meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm on the 147.330 repeater. Lorie also encouraged participation in the Dial Intercom Net on Thursday evenings at 9:00 pm local time.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 19, 2007, *Hometown Buffet*; dinner at 6 meeting at 7



Classes and Exams:

Beverley, N8GGE, gave the education report. She reported on the upcoming exams: at 7:00 on Wednesday, February 21, to be held in Verity Lodge at Miami University - Middletown (MUM). The second session will be on Saturday, February 24, in Johnston Hall at MUM at 9:30 am. The next General Class course will begin on Wednesday, February 28 in Verity Lodge at MUM and will run for seven weeks. She encouraged those in attendance to publicize the class to friends and relatives that might like to upgrade to General.

Old Business:

Carl, K8CM, reported that the club license, W8JEU would expire on March 11. After some discussion about the status of the club's vanity calls, Carl made a motion to renew W8JEU and Beverley, N8GGE, seconded. The motion passed.

Ernie, W8EH, reported that the club's Hamvention spaces had been ordered. That time of year is fast approaching.

New Business:

Ron, N8NQF, announced that Bob, WD8NKQ, had had bypass surgery two weeks ago. Way to go Bob!

Ernie, W8EH, reported that the reservation for Smith Park as a Field Day site had been made. After short discussion Ron, N8NQF, moved and Bob, KC8DUX, seconded a motion that the club would hold Field Day at Smith Park and that BCVHF would again be invited to participate with Dial for the event. The motion passed.

Barney, N8HP, reported that he had been asked by Ed, KF8PD, to bring up a matter before the membership in Ed's behalf. Ed had expressed a concern that the present assemblage of equipment and other junk in the trailer was serving very little purpose – other than requiring a great deal of physical effort to empty and reload the club's trailer at Hamvention and Field Day times. He suggested that the club might wish to consider selling the larger equipment such as towers and beams. He cited the frequent lack of personnel to erect the structures at Field Day

without exhausting those doing the work. He also speculated that during a local communications emergency that VHF would carry most of the load and simple vertical or dipole antennas could do the HF portion of the needs. Significant discussion, some lighthearted and other more serious took place. Jim, W8ISZ, spoke of the need to have a good equipment setup for Field Day to encourage less experienced amateurs to try HF. Barney, N8HP, stated that the interest in Field Day seemed to have increased significantly since moving from Jacot Park to Smith Park with the more extensive setup. Carl, K8CM, moved that the discussion be tabled until next month when Ed KF8PD, would be present. Barney, N8HP, seconded the motion which passed.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Ron, N8NQF, and seconded by Carl, K8CM. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

*Barney Taylor, N8HP
Secretary*

Exam Session Results

Persons who recently passed exams. Jessica Thornsburg while in Florida and Austin Terrill.

Also passing exams are:

Mike Brumleve, Sharon Kanko, Herbert Biermann, Thomas Lamberton, Allen Bare, Brian Homan, Janet Pater, Harry Melke, Ralph Kanko, Susan Scott, Thomas Kozee, Dan Gutwein, James Byrnes, Ronald Sanderson, Ron Spaulding, Steve Ramsey, Tom Bertrand, Michael Lange, Robert Mershon and Charles Sorey