



Dial Radio Club



Middletown, Ohio

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Minutes of the April 16, 2007 Dial Radio Club Meeting

Attendance

K8CM, WA8DTU, N8EH, N8EH, W8EH, N8GGE, N8HP, N8HRA, W8ISZ, W8LKU, N8LRN & Eve, WB8MYT, KC8NHP, WD8NKJ, WD8NKQ & Barbara, N8NQG, KF8PD, N8PI, WA8PRA, WB8QEA & Pat, AB8QP, KF8QS, K2RWP, KC8TXA, W8ULC, KB8WKL, W8WLM, KC8WOF, N8XQ



Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by N8EH at 7:00 pm.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as published electronically was made by Art, K8PI, and seconded by Bob, WD8NKQ. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron, N8NQG, presented the treasurer's report which reflected a membership 94 persons and 58 families. Barney, N8HP, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and, Carl, K8CM, seconded. The motion passed in spite of Frank.

Repeater/Station Report:

Ernie, W8EH, reported that the repeater system "must be workin' - no complaints". He also reported that the noise on the Monroe receiver is down. The Echolink system is also working full time according to Carl, K8CM and others. Roy, N8LRN, reported hearing a German station on the repeater via Echolink earlier in the day of the meeting.

Activity Report:

Lorie, W8LKU, gave the activities report. The next Butler county ARES meeting will be at Butler Tech, Room 229 on May 9 at 7:00 pm. She reminded those in attendance that ARES net meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm on the 147.330 repeater. Also, she asked for volunteers to help with the Triathlon on April 21 in the greater Oxford area. There will be a Butler County ARES Drill on Tuesday, June 5. The drill will involve the health department and all of the hospitals in the county. In order to participate, ARES members must have proper ID, which is a badge signed by the ECM, N8DHW. Lorie also encouraged participation in the Dial Intercom Net on Thursday evenings at 9:00 pm local time.

Classes and Exams:

Beverly, N8GGE, gave the education report. The General preparation course is nearly finished. One of the two starting students continues. The next exam will be on April 25. After

Next Meeting: Monday, May 21, 2007, *Golden Dragon (Chinese Buffet)*; dinner at 6 meeting at 7

the exam, classes and exams are over until August. Carl, K8CM, will be leading the exam session this time, and he requested that 5 or 6 VE's arrive at Verity Lodge, Miami University Middletown by 6:00 pm

Audit Committee Report:

Beverly, N8GGE, gave the report of the audit committee consisting of herself, Marilyn, N8HRA, and Bob, WD8NKQ. The committee has met, gone over the records and found that the treasurer had provided a full accounting. The audit committee, requested a meeting with the Club's officers to recommend changes in how the books are kept, in order to simplify the audit process and to better reflect the financial status of the Club. That meeting will be held immediately following adjournment of the present meeting.

Membership:

Ray, WB8QEA, was sponsored for membership by Roy, N8LRN. Carl, K8CM moved to approve Ray's application and Lorie, W8LKU, seconded. The motion passed. Welcome back to Dial Ray.

Old Business:

Ron reminded those in attendance that food for the upcoming Hamvention must be reserved by May 9th at 5:00 pm. The rates are the same as last year: \$10 per day or \$25 for the weekend.

The club has received contracts for its flea market spaces at Hamvention. So, it looks like everything will be in place for the event.

New Business:

Dial will no longer meet at the Hometown Buffet. We were told on the afternoon of April 16th that the buffet had lost its lease. Thanks to some scrambling on the part of Ernie, N8EH and others, the meeting was held at the Golden Dragon (Chinese Buffet) on Roosevelt. Art, N8PI, moved and Ron, N8NQG, seconded a motion to continue meeting at the Golden Dragon until a more permanent meeting site can be found. The motion passed. Ernie, N8EH, and possibly other officers will be approaching eating establishments with regard to their interest and ability to host the Club's meeting.

The remaining new business pertained to Hamvention which will occur before the next Club meeting.

The trailer will be emptied of the antennas, coax, etc., prior to serving Hamvention duty. The clean out will occur on Wednesday, May 9. We will meet at Ernie's, (W8EH) place of business (just off Reinartz and just south of Smith Park). We will then proceed to the building where N8EH and N8HRA store their motor home on Terry, just off Carmody.. The trailer will be substantially emptied to make room for Hamvention related materials..

Once emptied, the trailer will be taken to Ron's place of business on Roosevelt, where it will remain until 12:00 noon on Thursday, May 17. At that time it will be taken to HARA and set up for the weekend. Persons wishing to put stuff to be sold in the trailer should contact either Ron, N8NQG or Ernie, W8EH before the Thursday departure. Mark Ward, Wd8NKJ, reminded everyone to label things they planned to put in the trailer with their callsign. He also suggested that persons wanting to keep purchased items in the trailer during Hamvention bring a small box with their name on it to help keep the trailer organized.

Dial will again be operating a local repeater from the trailer while at Hara Arena. The frequency is 147.315+ with a PL of 100 Hz. Carl, K8CM, asked that those members attending have a hand-held with them tuned to the repeater so that announcements such a serving lunch, or packing up for the day can be effectively made.

Departure on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Hamvention will be from WSS on Roosevelt at "0-dark 30", otherwise known as 5:30 am for the trek to Hara in order to get in before the gates are closed. Those with early admission tickets be forewarned.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Art, N8PI, and seconded by Kelly, N8XQ. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35p.m.

*Barney Taylor, N8HP
Secretary*

Exam Results

Nine persons examined at the April 25th exam session. Of the nine, all but one earned an upgrade or a license. There was one person that earned a Technician class license, one an Extra class license, and seven upgraded to General. The exams were administered via computer. Except for one individual with very limited experience using computers, the exam went very smoothly.

Other Stuff



HAMVENTION

Time is Here!

**Fri., Sat. & Sun.
May 18, 19 & 20 2007**

**Dial Spaces Same as Previous Years
3201-3202-3203**



Trailer Clean-up for Hamvention

**Don't Forget Next Meeting, May 21, 2007
Golden Dragon
K-Mart Shopping Center**