



Dial Radio Club



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Minutes of the September 17, 2007 Dial Radio Club Meeting

Attendance

Pamela and Bob Pitts, KC8AME, K8CM, WA8DTU, N8EH, W8EH, KD8GXE, N8HRA, KI8I, W8ISZ and Marj, W8LKU, N8LRN and Eve, N8LWM, KC8NHP, WD8NKQ and Barb, N8NQG, N8ODK, N8OZN, KF8PD, AF8T, W8WCQ, W8WLM, KC8WOF, K4ZLE, KDW8 and Judy

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 Carl, K8CM, and seconded by Ron, N8NQG. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron, N8NQG, presented the treasurer's report which reflected a membership 100 persons and 64 families. Barney, N8HP, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and, Lorie, WA8LKU, seconded. The motion passed.

Repeater/Station Report:

Ernie, W8EH, reported that the repeater system continues to function in its usual manner.

Activity Report:

Lorie, W8LKU, announced that Butler County ARES will be offering the Level 1 class on October 27 from 8 to 5 at Butler Tech, Room 229. The class will be followed by an exam session for all levels on November 3. The cost of each exam is \$10. You may take the exam without having participated in a class if you have studied on your own. The class is limited to 40 people, and books will need to be obtained individually from the ARRL. For more information, contact David, N8DHW.

Classes and Exams:

Beverley, N8GGE, gave the education report. The next exam session is on October 3. A General Class will start on Wednesday October 10 and run for 7 weeks. Both, the class and exam will be in Verity Lodge at Miami University starting at 6:00 pm. Anyone who would be interested in taking a class to upgrade to Amateur Extra should contact Beverley. If there is sufficient interest, the class will begin in January.

Membership:

Andrew 'Drew' Burns, KC8AME was sponsored by Roy, N8LRN. Ron, N8NQG moved to accept Drew's application and Carl, K8CM, seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Welcome to Dial, Drew.

Old Business:

Rick, AF8T, inquired into the status of the 440 MHz repeater. That inquiry caused Ernie to look at Carl who looked

at Ernie. Ernie indicated that his life has been very busy, and the repeater had not been a priority,

New Business:

Ernie, N8EH, announced the Nominating Committee members who were charged with coming up with a slate of candidates for the December election. The committee will be chaired by Carl, K8CM. Jim, W8ISZ, and Roy, N8LRN will also serve on the committee. Anyone wishing to nominate themselves or another for a leadership position in Dial should contact a committee member.

Ron, N8NQF, asked if someone else might be interested in taking over the task of publishing the newsletter. He would appreciate a volunteer. Anyone interested knowing in the scope of the task should contact either Ron or Barney. (*Secretary's note: Ron and Judy have served Dial well beyond the call for many years and are entitled to a reprieve.*)

Brian, KC8NHP, announced that he had the Red Cross Family Emergency Plan, and that if there is sufficient interest, he would scan it for inclusion in a future newsletter. The Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air, JOTA, is still in a state of limbo. Local scout officials have not answered Brian's requests. He is still thinking about hosting one local troop for the event.

Announcements:

Rick, AF8T, announced that as of September 17, the cost of a vanity call had been lowered by the FCC. He also announced that Rick, KD8GXE, has received his Extra ticket. (*Rick passed his Technician/General at the last Dial exam session – Congratulations Rick!*).

The Southwestern Ohio Digital Symposium is again scheduled for January 12, 2008 at Miami University Middletown. Jay, K4ZLE, announce that a call for papers has been published in QEX. In addition to the usual presentations, a 'show and tell' session is planned that will let attendees actually see how the topics are put into practice.

Ernie, N8EH, reminded those in attendance that the next Dial meeting will be on October 15 at the Golden Corral.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Ron, N8NQF, and seconded by Ernie, W8EH. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

*Barney Taylor, N8HP
Secretary*