

## **October 7 2011, IARC General Meeting Notes:**

The meeting was called to order by President Danny Bailey, KB8STK and those present gave their names and call signs.

At this time, Mike Hilldreth from Med Central stood up and introduced to us WENS "Wireless Emergency Notification System". This is a notification program which is used to notify specific people, agencies and organizations of an emergency through phone calls, text messages, e-mails and other electronic communications. Mr. Hilldreth's presentation took place for about 20-minutes or so. When he was finished, the meeting resumed as normal.

Treasurers Report: Dean, KB8MG said that as of this meeting, we have: Primary Shares, \$969.26., Dues, \$91.22., Equipment Funds, \$3717.24., Checking, \$559.92.

Membership: Tom, N8TWM said that as of this meeting, we have a total of 95 members.

Technical Committee: Dave, N8DPW said that all repeaters are working except for the Lexington Repeater. He also said that it will be at least a couple more weeks until the IRLP node is up and running.

PIO: Danny, KB8STK said that he has received a letter of resignation from our current PIO officer Bill Reese, W8WER. So, at this time Danny, KB8STK opened the floor to anyone present who may be willing to replace Bill as our PIO. At this time Myron, N8YOA said that he would like to give it a try. Next Danny, KB8STK also informed the club that Bill, W8WER had also resigned as our Technical Committee director and had asked that Dave, N8DPW be his replacement. Danny, KB8STK said that Dave, N8DPW had accepted this position at the last board meeting.

Health and Welfare: Kris, KD8JBF told us of the recent death of Noel Mooney, K8LRN. Cathy Green, KC8SNP also told us that Pat Ackerman is in very questionable health and can use any

thoughts and prayers. Cathy asked that if anyone in the club knows of a club member or member's family member who is struggling with health concerns to please let her know and she can either send them a card or flowers on behalf of the club.

At this time, Danny, KB8STK said that at the previous IARC board meeting which was held on Thursday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> they talked about locating John Eppley, KD8KEK regarding the Lexington repeater. Tom, N8TWM said that since that meeting, he has tried to locate Mr. Eppley but with no luck. Next Danny, KB8STK said that there was talk about the upcoming Peal and Stick meeting which is to take place at the December meeting. He said that he has been able to get discounts on many of the items for this IARC tradition such as: Hot Dogs, sauce and buns. Next Danny, KB8STK said that insurance for our trailer will be reevaluated. He said that it has been decided not to cover all items in the trailer. Anything with a value under \$500 will not be covered. The insurance will only be for large items. Next Danny, KB8STK said that it was decided not to have a picnic at our next Field Day. He said that we will hold a club picnic on a Saturday in either August or September. He said that he has been offered the Mohican Outdoor School as a possible location for this picnic as well as Field Day. He also said that camping out the night before would be available. Next Danny, KB8STK said that at our next meeting, we will have to begin putting together letters to send to vendors who may be coming to our next ham fest. He also said that in this letter, we will have to add that no overnight sleeping in vehicles at the fairgrounds will be allowed. This is a new rule the fairgrounds has added to any activities. Next Danny said that Steve, KD8GRM notified him before tonight's meeting that we now have a new website provider! He is in the process of transferring the current information to the new provider and will notify us when it is complete. At this time Danny, thanked those who participated in last weeks "SET.- Simulated Emergency Test". He also said that we may be playing with the new FL-DIGI communications on Thursday evenings at 8:00 PM, several times a month to get users more familiar with it. He also said that improvements are made to the software on a very regular basis.

At this time Danny, KB8STK said that Cathy, KC8SNP brought many of her husbands, now Silent Key Don Green, K8ANC's amateur radio items to the meeting to be sold to club members. She has asked that anyone interested in these or other items that still need taken down from his tower should see her.

Special Events: Danny, AB8SI talked about JOTA "Jamboree on the Air". He said that setup will begin at 11:00 AM on Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> in the parking lot of the Richland Mall near the old

Cinema 3. Operations for this event will run from basically noon till 5:00 PM. Depending on band conditions, these operations could be shortened an hour or lengthened an hour. Next Danny, KB8STK said that the Fall-N-Leaf Bicycle tour will take place this Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and at least 8 hams will be needed for this event. He said that a number of events are taking place in the same area which will make things a bit difficult. Danny, KB8STK said that anyone wishing to help with this event will need to arrive at The Comfort Inn located at ST.RT 97 and Interstate 71 at 7:30 AM. Next Dick Fletcher, N8CJS reminded us that this next Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> will be the next test session. Anyone wishing to participate will need to arrive at noon with 2 "Two" forms of ID and \$15.00. For more information regarding location of test and other related information. Please visit our club's website at:

[www.iarc.ws](http://www.iarc.ws)

New Business: It was said that over the weekend of November 11-13<sup>th</sup> 2011, a Technician Cram session will be held. At this time, no further business was brought up for this meeting. Bill, N8TQ made a motion to adjourn and Myron, N8YOA seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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