

April 6 2012, IARC General Meeting Notes

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

Treasurers Report: Dean, KB8MG was not present for this meeting so Danny, KB8STK read the latest figures which Dean had dropped off to him before this meeting began. Repeaters, \$3622.73. General Account, \$3623.48. Checking, \$997.23. Dues, \$177.63.

Membership: Tom, N8TWM said that we have a total of 75 members. He passed out a sheet of paper with current IARC member information on it. He wanted those present to update any outdated contact information for membership accuracy.

Repeaters: Dave, N8DPW said that as of this time, there was nothing new to report and that all is working fine.

Health and Welfare: Danny, KB8STK said that Dick Fletcher N8CJS's wife Joann had to be taken to the hospital earlier that morning. Dick, N8CJS was present at this meeting and said that the doctors plan to treat Joann's heart problems with medicine. Next Bill, N8TQ said that Pat Ackerman, W8PAA still has serious health concerns. She has also recently broke her hip in addition to her other health issues. Henry, WD8Q said that he has recently talked to Bob, W8OLO who used to live in the area. He said that all is well and is no longer an over the road truck driver.

Education: Danny, KB8STK said that the General Cram Session was canceled because there were not enough applicants to warrant having it. He said that there would be a Technician session later this fall. Henry, WD8Q asked if we could please try to take part in spreading the word about cram sessions and other educational activities relating to Amateur Radio.

ARES: Danny, KB8STK said that he would be passing out a piece of paper which he put together with help from Jim Southward regarding each person's name and who they were affiliated with in case of a disaster. He also said that this form would be used for the upcoming tri-county drill coming up on Saturday April 14th. Next he said that anyone who wishes to participate in this drill should put their name, e-mail address and phone number on it. He said that this drill would begin at 8:00 AM and would finish at around 2:00 PM. This simulated emergency will include Ashland, Huron and Richland counties.

Ham of the Year: Danny, KB8STK said that the Ham of the Year committee which is: Steve, KD8GRM, Don, KB8RYA and himself would begin taking nominations at tonight's meeting for this traditional IARC award. Nominations would be accepted by anyone on the Ham of the Year committee until May 1st 2012. Danny, KB8STK asked if anyone had any suggestions of where the club would like for this dinner and ceremony to be held. Last year it took place at **Dutch Heritage Restaurant** in Bellville. We decided that this event would be held on May 10th at 6:00 PM.

Field Day: Danny, KB8STK said that Field Day will be coming up over the weekend of June 23rd and 24th. He said that he has been in contact with a number of locations throughout Richland County and for one reason or another, our only real option would be to go back to Therm-O-Disc park.

At this time Danny, KB8STK said that he needs a nominations chair person. This person will handle nominations for the one "1" open board seat. Nominations for this board opening will be made at tonight's meeting "April 6th 2012" and those nominations will be voted on at the upcoming June 1st. 2012 meeting. After a long pause with no one stepping forward to fill this Bill, N8TQ agreed to be the Nominations Chairperson. Next nominations were opened to the members present for the one "1" open board seat. Dave, N8DPW nominated Steve Barr, KD8GRM. No other nominations were made by those present for this open board seat. Danny, KB8STK closed nominations.

Danny, KB8STK said that he would like to bring back the Membership Chairperson. He said that this position has never formally been refilled since John Hudson's passing away. He said that this person would log membership of The IARC, ARES and Skywarn programs. After some discussion, it was determined that this would be a committee person. Danny, KB8STK appointed Tom, N8TWM who has been voluntarily filling this position for our club to formally take this position. Tom accepted. At this time Dick, N8CJS said "Thank You Tom" and those present applauded him for his work.

New Business: Danny, KB8STK said that our 6-month storage fee is due at Tom, N8TWM's storage location. This fee is: \$50 a month for a 6-month time frame for a total of: \$300. Myron, N8YOA made a motion to pay this and Danny, AB8SI seconded. Motion passed. Danny, KB8STK said that our trailer is now at John, KD8KEK's for storage. He said that it has a lock on the tongue.

Special Events: Dave, N8DPW said that the MT. Vernon Radio Club would like for a couple of our hams to help them with The Kenyon College Earth day Marathon. They have also asked for us to please bring our trailer to help with this activity. It will be held on Saturday, April 21st at Kenyon College in Gambier. Anyone wishing to help with this event can e-mail Dave at:

N8dpw1@gmail.com

Danny, KB8STK said that transporting the IARC trailer to help with this event will be on a volunteer basis only. No rules have been set yet for reimbursement of gas or other costs have been set yet. Next Danny, KB8STK said that we are going to be back at the airport in Mansfield on July 7th, to help with their event. More information relating to our upcoming summertime events can be found on our club's website.

By-laws: At this time Rick, KK8O stood up and presented the newly proposed by-laws. Many discussions were held regarding the suggested changes. Voting of these by-laws will not take place until the June 1ST. 2012 meeting. Once this had concluded, no further business was brought up. Bill, N8TQ made a motion to adjourn and Myron, N8YOA seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Dailey
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