

March 3, 2017 IARC General Meeting Minutes

Meeting started with a round of introductions by all present.

Kathy, KC8SNP, ran the meeting. As Vice President, Kathy, KC8SNP, is acting President while Bill, N8TQ, is unable due to health issues. If this changes it will be noted in the minutes for meeting in which the change takes effect. Kathy Swank can be contacted via email at the following address: cswankgreen@gmail.com

Treasurer Report: Harry, N8XMI, gave the following report: Primary Account Balance \$3,865.42 (available), Repeater Account \$6,224.19, Checking Account \$110.96, General Account Balance \$364.25 with a Total of \$10,569.82. We made a profit of \$2,400.44 at Ham Fest. It was split between Repeater Accounts and deposited into the bank. Henry, WD8Q, put forth a motion to accept the Treasurers Report and Dick, N8CJS, 2nd it. It was accepted.

Health & Welfare: Bill, N8TQ, had surgery on his back February 23, 2017. He is still in hospital for Physical Therapy during the week. He is room 2405 and can have visitors after 6:00 PM and on the weekend. Harry, N8XMI, is having flowers sent from the IARC. Dick N8CJS suggested we go through *Bellville Flowers and Gifts* (419-886-4810). Danny, W8DLB, is having sleep tests done March 20, 2017 and on March 23, 2017 he will be having Stints put in at MedCentral. Dave Spain's wife dies last month and he was sent a card. She suffered from Alzheimer's disease.

Education: Nothing new to report. We still need someone to come forward and maintain this area.

PIO: Henry, WD8Q, nothing to report but would like someone to take over if possible.

Tech: Dave, N8DPW, stated all is running ok. Don, KC8RYA, inquired about the 3.3 being put back up downtown. Kathy, KC8SNP noted that the executive committee will discuss it and have an answer ready at the next IARC meeting.

Website: Duane, K8MDA, stated it is all up and running now. www.IARC.club

ARRL: Scott, N8SY, was absent. His wife was present in his place but nothing new was reported.

May 18, 19, & 20, 2017 is Dayton Ham Fest.

October 7 & 8, 2017 is the Great Lakes Convention at the International Speedway. This year the Ohio Section will be a big part of it.

ARRES: Danny, W8DLB, thanked all that attended the Sky Warn meeting. There is an international DX contest this weekend. A Table Top drill is planned for March 28, 2017. Ashland/Holmes County has asked if we would like to assist a drill in June. Unsure of exact date but it will most likely happen on a Wednesday night. The DMR Net went down because the Scenic Drive site lost internet. When Cleveland goes out so does it.

NET INFO: Tuesdays at 7:15 there is an Ohio Emergency Preparedness Net. Typically can be found at 3900 or up but those wishing to join should check Scott's, N8SY, website to see where it located for sure. N8SY.com At 8:00 the Ohio Digital Net is on. (Olivia500 and MT63) The DMR net is doing well. It is averaging 50 check ins.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Ham of Year was discussed. The committee that chooses this years is composed of Harry, N8XMI, Willy, W8ONE, and Byron, KD8HQC. The banquet will be held on the first Thursday on May which is May 4, 2017. There was a discussion on where to hold banquet. Suggestions are needed; we will decide at the next meeting. Some ideas thrown out already have been: Bucks, Oak Park, Skyway, Steve Dakota's, or possible catering for it.

Kathy, KC8SNP, shared her email which allows everyone a means of contacting her if they need or want to. cswankgreen@gmail.com

Henry, shared about his earlier days in Amateur Radio. He noted his very first Ham Fest was in 1982 when he was 44 years old. At that time, there were more hands on deck for helping with these things and their set up. Henry stated we desperately need more volunteers to come out in current times to get things set up!

Danny, W8DLB, noted Ham Fest 2018 is the last year covered by the three year contract we have with the fairgrounds. If we do not use the fairgrounds for the 2018 Ham Fest we will still be charged \$2500.00.

There was a discussion regarding whether or not there is a committee that organizes the Ham Fest. Most were in agreement; there should be a committee for this and we need to start much earlier in the organization of it.

Don, KC8RYA, stated he heard complaints about the building with the cafeteria in being closed. It was also noted that in terms of growing the Ham Fest and getting people there we have the internet as competition and this could possibly be one of the things working against us. The leg work needs done and we need reach out to pull people in or our Ham Fest will not survive.

50/50 won by Kathy, KC8SNP.

Motion to adjourn Danny, W8DLB. Second by Dave, N8DPW.

