

InterCity Radio Club
Monthly Meeting - October 5, 2018

President Duane, K8MDA, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Financial report – presented by Harry, N8XMI. Danny, W8DLB moved to accept report as read, second by Henry WD8Q. Motion carried.

Minutes – Jane, KB8YPW, read the minutes of the September 7, 2018 meeting. Danny, W8DLB, moved to accept minutes as read, second by Henry WD8Q. Motion carried.

Health and Wellness – Lee Farquharson, N8LFKs' wife passed away recently. Condolences were offered to Lee.

Education – Duane, K8MDA, announced that a tech class is scheduled for 4 consecutive Saturdays starting October 27th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and will be held in the community room of the People's Community Center. Katie, KD8MGB volunteered to assist Duane with teaching the class. Duane will make arrangements for testing at the end of the classes.

PIO – No report

Tech Committee – Dave, N8DPW, reported that the 444.7 DMR repeater connection to the Brandmeister Master Server was moved from 3103 to 3102 as of today's date. This was done due to latency issues that were occurring with the 3103 server. This will make all communications through the repeater better, as there shouldn't be as many missed calls now that we are on a newer and faster server.

ARES – Danny, W8DLB – reminded everyone to get their 4 core NIMS classes completed and certificates submitted to Scott, N8SY and himself (Danny) so information can be entered in the ARES Connect database.

There will be a 'fox hunt', search and rescue exercise with the Sheriff department and the CERT team this weekend.

Shiloh has offered a room in the old school building for use as a HAM Station if the club is interested.

ARRL – Scott, N8SY – reported that the Ohio Section was initiating a program awarding the person with the most hours logged in ARES Connect. Details will be in the Ohio Section Newsletter and on the Ohio Section website.

The ARRL will have a new CEO effective October, 15, 2018.

Old Business – Danny, W8DLB - reported that he is waiting on cables and sound card for the IRLP.

New Skywarn classes will focus on fall and winter weather. Several counties around Richland are scheduled for these winter classes. Ashland's classes are scheduled for October 23rd at the Ashland Sheriff's Office Annex Building and Huron County has a class scheduled for October 29th in Willard.

New Business –

Hamfest - Steve, N8SMB will take care of the printing and mailing. Danny, W8DLB, and Scott, N8SY will handle table and ticket sales. The hamfest has been registered with ARRL and has been approved by the Great Lakes Director and is listed in the ARRL and Ohio Section Hamfest websites.

Discussion was held regarding what to purchase and how much to spend on the door prizes for the hamfest. Danny, W8DLB, suggested raffling off a generator to bring in money to offset Hamfest/door prize costs. The door prize purchase was tabled until more information could be obtained on pricing. It was agreed that this would be addressed again at the November meeting when a final decision would need to be made.

Danny, W8DLB, moved to increase the price of Hamfest admission from \$5 to \$7. John, KD8WPE, seconded. Motion carried with 1 opposition.

Terry Carter of First Call 211 gave a presentation of services offered through First Call 211 and also announced that a HAM radio station will be set up at the First Call 211 building for use during emergencies. ARES and First Call 211 have an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) regarding emergency communication services. First Call 211 employees will also be studying for HAM licenses.

Lee, N8LFK moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Roy Hostetter. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Yonally, KB8YPW, Secretary, Intercity Radio Club