

InterCity Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 2, 2020

I. Call to order

Duane Meadows-K8MDA, President called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. local time.

II. Roll call

Introductions of club members and/or guests.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Harry Frietchen K8HF 1st

John Ness –K8NG 2nd

Correct Harry's call sign.

Financial Report – Harry Mains, N8XMI

- a) Balance of accounts were reviewed with members – membership getting ready to drop. As of the meeting only 5-6 members, without life members.
- b) Motion to approve – Duane Meadows, K8MDA
Seconded by Harry Frietchen, K8HF
- c) John Ness K8NG
 - Asked if Hamfest was cancelled would this hurt us financially?
 - Duane Meadows – K8MDA – replied not at this time.
 - Harry Mains – N8XMI – stated there is a cushion with finances.
 - Duane Meadows – K8MDA – largest expense is the repeater.
 - Misc. conversations about the repeater and it still being the best repeater for emergencies and communications between Cleveland and Columbus.

- Harry Frietchen – K8HF mentioned Echolink and or IRLP
 - Danny Bailey – W8DLB has stated functionality is there the repeater needs programmed.
- d) Danny Bailey – W8DLB
- Skywarn is changing, managed by counties not districts.
 - Skywarn is on DMR as soon as 6-meter net is done.
 - No more spotter cards
 - Duane Meadows – K8MDA – Anyone can call and submit reports by phone or online now.
 - Danny reported next 5 years weather radios could be obsolete due to Internet and Cell phones.

IV. Committee Reviews

- a) Health and Welfare – Nothing to report

Danny Bailey – W8DLB

- Asked if anyone knew anything about John Lehman. It was reported he was having some stability issues and his wife Mary was in a nursing home.

Duane Meadows – K8MDA

- Asked if anyone had heard anything from Jack Weeks. He hasn't been on the air.

- b) Education – At this time no classes are scheduled (ruined by COVID)
- c) PIO – Member not present-Nothing to report.

Duane Meadows – K8MDA

- May need to look for replacement PIO

d) Tech Report – Dave Weigold N8DPW not present

- Misc conversation about the repeater, IRLP, DMR, and Echolink
- Echolink requires less technical knowledge to operate

Dave not present. Duane, have the functionality but the controller needs programmed.

Danny – explained the process of IRLP and how it works. With DMR and System Fusion why do we need this functionality? Harry uses Echolink to communicate to a friend in Indiana, hits a repeater 15 miles from his home. Echolink takes less technical knowledge.

e) General Discussion

ARES – Not participating in SET due to lack of resources. Airbase participating with MARS.

Suggestion that we can have our own SET later on in the year.

Harry asked Duane about tower work and has Dave said anything to him about it, Duane didn't know. Dave was going to do some work on the Oct 12th.

John Ness – seems to think some testing was going on. Someone was going to take a meter up.

Someone will touch base with Dave.

John Ness – VE Test Session coming up 10/17

Harry - .36 having any issues?

Duane – not to his knowledge. Running low power 25W

Testing – replace whatever needs replaced.

John Ness- jumpers from hardline to antenna

Arrl – Scott not here

Hamfest – Duane Meadows, K8MDA reported that tickets have been printed. John cards blue and tickets gray or tan.

Duane – Richland county went red yesterday 10/1 7 criteria they use we hit 6 of them. If we continue this another week, we will go purple. What that will shut

down we have no idea. Hamfest Ad going into QST. Easier to get in early than later. No door prizes.

V. Old Business

Duane, K8MDA reported that Jon Ness's contract was extended a year. A zoom meeting took place in June, by-laws were temporarily set aside, not permanent.

Tom, KB8UXS, Secretary took a job in Columbus. Left position vacant.

VI. New Business

None

VII. Adjournment

- a) Motion to Adjourn – Danny Bailey, W8DLB
Seconded by Harry Mains – N8XMI

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Taylor, N8QKE