

InterCity Amateur Radio Club
Meeting Minutes

Date: November 4, 2022

I. Call to order

Danny Bailey, W8DLB called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. local time

II. Roll call

Introductions of club members and/or guests.

Approval of minutes from October 2022 meeting.

Addition/Corrections to October minutes: Tom's name changed to Mike
No other corrections to minutes was reported.

Motion to approve minutes

Dave Weigold, N8DPW

2nd- Randy Ring, KE8OVN

Motion carried

III. Financial Report – Barbara Meadows, Treasurer

Review of Accounts

Barbara has access to all the CD's, Harry moved them to Mechanics and Barbara has access.
One CD is still at Richland Bank to maintain tower site.

No receipts for purchases

Motion to Approve Financial Report

Tom Miller, N8TWM

2nd – John Thornton, KD8WPE

Motion Carried

50/50 drawing winner – John Thornton, KD8WPE

IV. Committee Reviews

Health and Welfare

Duane Meadows, K8MDA reported Harry Frietchen, K8HF and his wife lost their entire house due to Hurricane Ian. Both he and his wife are sick with COVID and his wife was hospitalized. Duane asked us to keep this family in our thoughts and prayers.

Education

Duane Meadows, K8MDA reported there would likely be no classes until Jan/Feb 2023. Plans to offer a VE test session every other month is being considered. The VE's also are planning to offer a VE test session immediately following classes that will occur.

A VE test session is being planned for December 10, 2022 in the Sheriff's building or Administration building.

PIO

Nothing to report

ARES

Duane Meadows, K8MDA reports the FCC has done nothing with illegal operation unless interference with Police Departments, public service, etc. Changes are coming.

NTS – National Traffic System also has changes coming to it. Satellites are also being reviewed.

Stan Broadway – Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator is retiring

Tech Report

Dave Weigold, N8DPW reports the team is making preparations to install the System Fusion repeater and there will need to be one rack that will need to be removed from the facility.

ARRL

No Report

V. Old Business

Danny Bailey, W8DLB reported the board has decided not to have Echolink implemented on the System Fusion repeater and explained some of the challenges that would occur if Echolink was implemented.

Duane Meadows, K8MDA reported the Yaesu System Fusion repeater came in and he has installed the voice module. A pre-amp is on order, and the rest of the equipment is in for the install of the equipment. Roland Massatti, K8WUA will be donated a dummy load. The tech team is coordinating with the radio/tv execs to establish a date/time for the installation.

Danny Bailey, W8DLB reported that with Yaesu System Fusion there is no courtesy tone and when using a digital system, you should key up and wait a few seconds before transmitting so the first part of your transmission is not lost. This works the same with DMR technology. Danny reported that it's okay to have short conversations but do not rag chew due to the linking of repeaters. When you're transmitting on a digital system, several repeaters are linked and are brought up when a transmission occurs. Danny explained the AMS settings on Yaesu System Fusion radios. If you have this on, this will automatically adjust your radio for digital/analog signals and to be aware if you're having a conversation on the digital side of the repeater and an analog station keys up, you will automatically be switched to the analog signal. Not an issue typically, just something to be aware of when your radio is set to AMS. With digital mode, the functionality exists to block users for "mis-conduct" additionally, unlike DMR where you're required to register for an "I.D." this is not required to be able to operate on System Fusion.

Dave Weigold, N8DPW reported that he will be working on purchasing the parts for the trailer for the pop-up tent but there is time and he was delayed due to family vacation and obligations. Dave also reported the EMA has asked if the trailer could be moved to another part of the parking lot. It was suggested to move the trailer across the street but due to security reasons he would rather not.

Danny Bailey, W8DLB suggested he will ask Kim (Fairgrounds Mgr) and find out if she would allow space to store the trailer at the Fairgrounds in a secured, locked area.

No further discussion or questions regarding any topics covered during the meeting.

VI. New Business

A motion was made to adjourn the “business meeting” and move on to the program for the night. The topic covered and shared by each member present was their favorite radio or radio’s and why.

1st - Dave Weigold, N8DPW

2nd – Tom Miller, N8TWM

Motion Carried

VII. Adjournment

After the program, a motion was made to adjourn.

1st – Dave Weigold, N8DPW

2nd – Tom Miller, N8TWM

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Taylor, N8QKE
Secretary