
IARC Meeting Minutes November 3, 2023

Call to order

A meeting of the Intercity Amateur Radio Club was held at the Richland County Fairgrounds Administration Building on November 3, 2023.

Danny Bailey, Club President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Introductions of club members and/or guests.

Approval of minutes October 6, 2023

Correction to October 6, 2023 minutes...add the Wooster amateur radio club to the groups that assisted with the Mohican Run.

Motion to Approve October 6, 2023 minutes – Dave Weigold, N8DPW

Second - John Thornton, KD8WPE

Motion Carried

Reports

Financial Report – Duane Meadows, K8MDA (Barbara Meadows, Treasurer was not present due to illness)

Review of accounts.

Motion to Approve Financial Report – Harry Frietchen, K8HF

Second – Crail Floyd, KE8JPX

Motion Carried

Health and Welfare

Danny Bailey, W8DLB reported he is feeling much better and is trying to stay out of the hospital.

Education

Duane Meadows, K8MDA reported that education is on hold.

Tech

Dave Weigold, N8DPW, Tom Miller, N8TWM, and Duane Meadows, K8MDA reported they went to the .94 repeater site to check out the repeater and discovered the receive portion of the repeater was not

functioning. When they did some work on the .36 repeater and moved some equipment a jumper cable was disconnected. When they were on-site, they discovered this and put the jumper cable back in and the repeater began functioning normally.

The amplifier for the .94 is only putting out 50 amps instead of 75 amps and this is due to one of the switching power supplies possibly having a blown fuse. Duane Meadows, K8MDA has it on his list to look at and try to repair. Each power supply puts out 25 amps.

The portable repeater is measuring 4.5 SWR, it was discovered its an issue with the antenna. Roland Massatti, K8WUA has an antenna he's willing to supply for the portable repeater. It's a dual band antenna. Duane Meadows, K8MDA reported he also has a brand new dual band antenna he isn't using that he would be willing to donate.

APRS with the portable radio was also measuring low output so a replacement radio was used to test and the same performance was noticed. A repair is being made to the TNC, it will be reprogrammed and put back in the trailer in a few days.

ARES

Danny Bailey, W8DLB reported that at the Mohican run there were 181 runners. The Ashland and Wooster clubs assisted. There were two different mile races occurring and it was not apparent which runner was running which mile race. The group also wasn't told who the last runner was and those that coordinated the race took off to Cleveland. Danny reported in spite of it all, everything worked out and there weren't any major events thankfully.

Danny Bailey, W8DLB discussed the proposed Bethlehem Christmas special event with some of the church attendees and they're on board and expressed interest. The Father of the church was on vacation when Danny was on-site and is due to be back the following week at which time Danny will contact the Father and get permission and finalize arrangements. Looking at the Saturday after Thanksgiving from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Tom Miller, N8TWM will apply with the ARRL for a special event callsign. Jenny Taylor, N8QKE is to design the QSL card.

Old Business

None

New Business

Danny Bailey, W8DLB reported that he and Tom Miller, N8TWM possibly looking at having a foxhunting event using the voice recording of N8TQ Bill Martin. Tom Miller, N8TWM shared that he and Mike Hartge, WO8R are working on designing an at home CW class on an HF frequency while also using the Zello app as a medium for real-time communication while teaching the class. At this time there are at least 4 interested. The goal is to renew ham operators' interest in CW and provide a way for them to learn code. More details to come.

Danny Bailey, W8DLB discussed with the club a Christmas dinner in December. After a discussion of a potluck vs restaurant, discussing which restaurant's etc. The following motion was made:

Motion to approve the Christmas dinner, Monday, December 11th at 6:00 p.m. at Denny's by Dave Weigold, N8DPW

Second – John Thornton, KD8WPE

Motion Carried

Tom Miller, N8TWM shared that if the power supply for the repeater is unable to be repaired a replacement would be approximately \$150.00 and this would be brought to the club to vote on if needed.

Duane Meadows, K8MDA stated the next VE test session would be December 9, 2023 at the fairgrounds.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn – John Thornton, KD8WPE

Second – Dave Weigold, N8DPW

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Taylor, N8QKE Secretary