

Minutes of the December 13th, 2023, meeting of The Alliance Amateur Radio club (AARC).

The AARC met on Wednesday, December 13th, 2023, at Alliance Community Hospital (200 E. State St, Alliance).

The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM, by President John Myers, WG8X.

After a devotion by Chaplain Ron Rittenhouse, KE8HCY, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andy Magda, AC8JR.

A roll call was taken of members & guests. We had 19 members in attendance, and one guest: Phil, KE8MEP

Birthdays

The following birthdays were acknowledged:

- Tony – KD8BBK

Committee reports

- **440 Net** Lorin, KD8WVE
 - Lorin gave a general report on the net's attendance.
 - He requested some suggestions for topics.
- **Homeland Security Net** James, KD8VT
 - John provided information about check-ins for the past month, relayed from James, KD8VT
- **10 Meter Digital Net** Steve, KB8RFE
 - Steve provided a general report regarding check-ins for the past month.
- **6 Meter Digital Net** Steve, KB8RFE
 - Steve provided a general report regarding check-ins for the past month.

- **10 Meter SSB Net** John, WG8X
 - John gave a general report on the net.

- **Two Meter Net** Tomas, KC8ZEH
 - Tomas provided a detailed report regarding check-ins for the past month.

- **Secretary report**
 - Minutes for the last meeting have been posted online.
 - Motion to approve report by Jim, KE8VZE, seconded by Steve, KB8RFE

- **Treasurer's report**
 - Paul provided a report of the club's finances over the past month.
 - He passed around letters for everyone to sign, to be given along with our annual donations to the Alliance Police Department, Fire Department and Salvation Army.
 - Motion to approve report by Ron, KE8HCY, seconded by Karen, WD8BIW

- **Repeaters**
 - No replacement antenna is in the works yet for the 440 repeater but is planned to occur in 2024.
 - An explanation was given regarding the repeater recently broadcasting Amateur Radio Newsline for approximate 15 minutes.

- **UMU Radio Club**
 - Antennas have been installed at Mount Union
 - The installs should be fully completed soon.

- **Club Apparel**
 - Karen received some information on a few possible vendors for shirts and hats that they are looking to get setup with.
 - Ideally, everyone will be able to go online to the site and order the items they would like.

Club Activities

- **VE Sessions**
 - No VE session dates for 2024 yet.
- **Salvation Army kettle drive**
 - Ron gave a report regarding the Kettle drive earlier this month on December 2nd.
 - A sign-up sheet was passed around for a second date for 2023, December 23rd, 2023.
- **Annual Christmas Party**
 - Steve, KB8RFE, was named Ham of the Year.
 - Certificates were handed out to members that were unable to attend.

New Business

- President John, WG8X, made the proposition to donate to Christ United Methodist Church and Alliance Community Hospital for hosting our meetings over the past year.
 - Motion to approve from Jim, KE8VZE, seconded by Butch, KE8IYN
- A motion was made to make a donation to Medina United Methodist Church in honor of Shirley Robinette, the mother of Karen, WD8BIW, who had recently passed.
 - Motion to approve from Butch, KE8IYN, seconded by Ron, KE8HCY.
- John proposed some options for next year's HF rig raffle for members to start considering.
- A weekday was determined for the 2024 AARC Christmas Party: another Saturday in December.
- Lorin, KD8WVE, suggested we do some fox hunting activities this summer

Announcements

- Tony, KD8BBK, is starting a CW class at our same meeting location on Tuesdays at 7:00PM, starting on December 19th, lasting through February 13th.
- John relayed some information regarding upcoming FEMA classes from the Stark County ARES. More info on exact dates to come.
- Winter Field Day will take place on January 27th and 28th at the Louisville Sportsman's Club.

We went around the table for any additional comments or announcements before adjourning.

Our 50/50 winner was drawn for this meeting.

Bob, WB8OVQ, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08PM, seconded by Pam.

Minutes submitted on January 6th, 2023, by Alex, KE8VXG, Club Secretary.