

Minutes of the February 2024, meeting of The Alliance Amateur Radio club (AARC).

The AARC met on Wednesday, February 14th, 2024, 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 1 guest.

Birthdays

The following birthdays were acknowledged:

- Carol – KE8ZOR
- Robert – KD8KMR
- Mike – KE8CKL

Officers Reports

- **Secretary's Report**
 - Minutes for January are not yet posted but will be up soon.
 - Club dues are due by March 31st.
 - Motion to approve by Jim, KE8VZE, seconded by Steve, KB8RFE
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Paul, K2ASA, gave a full rundown of the club's income and expenses over the past month.
 - Motion to approve by Bruce, KE8FNS, seconded by Pam.

Announcements

- June 12th club meeting will be at the Jaycee pavilion at Silver Park
- FEMA classes coming up Thursdays in March at Stark Co Sheriff's (in the basement).
 - Please email Dave Beltz, so he can keep track of the numbers attending.
 - Please bring a laptop if you can, as we have limited computers for use.

- You will need to register and have your FEMA student ID#.
- SkyWarn training, Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00pm at Jackson High School
 - https://www.weather.gov/cle/SKYWARN_schedule
- Upcoming Group Builds
 - 1st one will be at First Christian Church pavilion.
 - Tape Measure Beam
 - March 9th 1pm – 5 pm

Committee reports/Club Activities:

- **Winter Field Day**
 - Great attendance with 35 people on the sign-in sheet.
 - Total contacts: 419
 - CW: 100, SSB: 313, Digital: 6
 - Score submitted: 7875.
- **Club Apparel**
 - Logos have been sent over to the company.
 - A price list for some sample items was passed around for club members to see.
- **HF Rig Raffle**
 - Rig has been purchased, and tickets are ready.
 - Tickets will go on sale to the public on March 1st.
- **CW Classes**
 - Classes have been going well. On the 5th or 6th week now, learning 3-4 letters per week.
- **VE Exams**
 - Next exam is March 16th at Christ United Methodist Church
 - Registration begins at 8AM, testing begins at 9AM
 - Exam has been listed online.
- **440 Net Lorin, KD8WVE**
 - Lorin gave a general report on the net's attendance.
 - 20 check-ins for the past month, 75 minutes on air.
 - He requested some suggestions for topics.
- **Homeland Security Net James, KD8VT**
 - James, KD8VT, gave a general report on the net's attendance.
 - 45 check-ins for the past month, with 85 minutes on the air.
- **10 Meter Digital Net Steve, KB8RFE**

- Steve provided a general report regarding check-ins for the past month.
- 18 check-ins last month, with 132 minutes on the air.
- **6 Meter Digital Net Steve, KB8RFE**
 - Steve provided a general report regarding check-ins for the past month.
 - 13 check-ins last month, with 91 minutes on the air
- **10 Meter SSB Net John, WG8X**
 - John gave a general report on the net.
 - Over the last 3 sessions, there were 27 check-ins, and 54 minutes on the air.
- **Two Meter Net Tomas, KC8ZEH**
 - Tomas provided a detailed report regarding check-ins for the past month.
 - Total of 65 check-ins over the past month, 19 were over Echolink.
 - On the air for 116 minutes.
- **UMU Radio Club**
 - The faculty advisor Glauco, KE8YFK has invited us to the UMU Radio Club first event on Feb 15th.
 - We'll be doing a short presentation about the club. A few members are coming to assist.
 - We are donating \$200 worth of Tech & General License manuals to them.
 - Also, we are providing a 2M/440 J-Pole for their station.

New Business

- **Pam – Carnation City Parade**
 - Need some people to help walk the route this year.
 - Discussion will be brought back up in April.
- **New club equipment**
 - A few new ideas were brought up for club equipment to purchase after Winter Field Day
 - A 3rd extension cord reel for the trailer, to purchase this month.
 - Motion for approval by Tomas, KC8ZEH, seconded by Jim KE8VZE
 - Purchase another Icom IC-7300 for the trailer.

- Also 2 headphone splitters to allow operators to have independent control of their volume.
- Motion for approval by James, KD8VT, seconded by Jim KE8VZE.
- Later this year at Hamvention:
 - Purchase a pair of Heil Pro-7 Headsets and foot switches.
 - 2 – Heil Pro 7 PRO7BU-IC \$598
 - 2 – Heil FS-3 foot switches, or equivalent about \$75
 - Paul volunteered to pay for the footswitches and adapter cables if we get the headsets.
 - Motion for approval by Pam, seconded by Karen, WD8BIW

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

- Lorin, KD8WVE, requests that the 440-repeater antenna be ordered soon.
 - James, KD8VT, recommends Sinclair or Telewave for UHF antenna.
- James, KD8VT, asks that members make sure they pay for meals at breakfast, as someone forgot to pay prior to leaving.
 - He covered it but asks that it not happen again.
 - Club will reimburse him.
 - Motion for approval by Jim, KE8VZE, seconded by Steve, KB8RFE.
- Lots of upcoming DX opportunities
 - Lesotho, Tonga, China, Easter Island, Uganda, Madagascar
- An anonymous donor has offered to match any donations towards the headsets to be purchased at Hamvention.

Our 50/50 winner was drawn for this meeting.

Karen, WD8BIW, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21PM, seconded by Bob, WB8OVQ.

Minutes submitted on March 10, 2024, by Alex, KE8VXG, Club Secretary.