

Minutes of the January 10th, 2024, meeting of The Alliance Amateur Radio club (AARC).

The AARC met on Wednesday, January 10th, 2024, at Alliance Community Hospital (200 E. State St, Alliance).

The meeting was called to order at 6:57PM, 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 20 members in attendance, and 1 guest.

### **Birthdays**

The following birthdays were acknowledged:

- Patty Collins – KB8QWH
- Charlene – KE8YBZ
- George – AC8KJ

### **Officer reports**

- **Secretary report**
  - Minutes for December are posted online.
  - We plan on taking a look at some new things for the club, possibly Microsoft O365, to allow us to do our meetings on Teams.
  - Motion to approve by Ron, KE8HCY.
    - Seconded by Karen, WD8BIW
  
- **Treasurer's report**
  - Club is doing well financially.
  - Paul gave a rundown of the current status of the bank account.
  - Motion to approve by Andy, AC8JR
    - Seconded by Butch, KE8IYN

## **Announcements:**

- Christmas party has been confirmed for December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Catering will be provided by Jeff Walker Catering.
- The meeting room in the hospital has been reserved for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month, except for June.
- January 20<sup>th</sup> – Ohio VHF Simplex Contest. More info at [ohsimplex.org](http://ohsimplex.org)
- FEMA Classes coming up on Thursdays at 7PM in March.
  - Please email Dave Beltz if you plan to attend so he can keep track of everyone.
  - You will need a FEMA student ID# beforehand.
  - Please bring a laptop if you can.
- SkyWarn training on Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> at Jackson High School
  - Register at [https://www.weather.gov/cle/SKYWARN\\_schedule](https://www.weather.gov/cle/SKYWARN_schedule)
- January 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> – Winter Field Day
  - Contest will last from 2pm Saturday to 2PM Sunday.
  - Operation will be indoors at the Louisville Sportsmans Club
  - Dinner on Saturday will be covered dish. Please bring something to share.
  - No extra help is needed to setup the day before; we will be setting up that morning.
  - The budget for Winter Field Day was given.
    - Motion for approval by Pam.
    - Seconded by Karen, WD8BIW

## **Committee Reports:**

- **Repeaters**
  - John updated the time and ID on the 2M repeater to keep the announcements on it up to date.
  - We will be looking at a new antenna for the 440 repeater this year.
- **Club Apparel**
  - The company for the apparel has been found: Villager Business Solutions
  - They will be getting a site setup where we can order.
  - There will be shirts, hats, jackets, pens, etc. available.
  - We will be getting a price list, then it'll go out for everyone to order.
- **CW Classes**

- CW classes are continuing to go well.
- Every Tuesday night at 7PM in the same conference room at Alliance Community Hospital
- **Salvation Army Kettle Drive**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> drive went well.
  - It was suggested to get Candy Canes to give out next year.
- **440 Net** Lorin, KD8WVE
  - Lorin gave a general report on the net's attendance.
  - Averaging about 5 check-ins per week
- **Homeland Security Net** James, KD8VT
  - John provided information about check-ins for the past month, relayed from James, KD8VT
  - 4 nets over the past month. 25 check-ins total, and 90 minutes spent on air.
- **10 Meter Digital Net** Steve, KB8RFE
  - Steve provided a general report regarding check-ins for the past month.
  - 16 check-ins over the past month, with 92 minutes spent on air.
- **6 Meter Digital Net** Steve, KB8RFE
  - Steve provided a general report regarding check-ins for the past month.
  - 11 check-ins over the past month, with 90 minutes spent on air.
- **10 Meter SSB Net** John, WG8X
  - John gave a general report on the net.
  - 6-10 check-ins each week. Typically, 10-20 minutes on air
  - Not a lot of skip happening on 10 meters lately.
- **Two Meter Net** Tomas, KC8ZEH
  - Tomas provided a detailed report regarding check-ins for the past month.
  - 65 check-ins over the past month, with 115 minutes spent on air.
- **UMU Radio Club**
  - The faculty advisor in charge has been invited to join in our meetings, and the information should be passed along to students as well.

## Old Business

- **Annual Rig Raffle**

- A few radio options were presented to decide on for our rig raffle.
- We voted on raffling the Yaesu FT-710 this year.

### **New Business**

- **Ron – KE8HCY**
  - Should we review the club bylaws?
  - It was determined they are still fitting and do not need fully reviewed again yet.

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

Tomas volunteered for the job of making the food run for Winter Field Day lunch. Lorin will be having Fox Hunts for the club starting in April.

Our 50/50 winner was drawn for this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19PM.

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