

The February Business Meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was called to order at **7pm** on Wednesday, February 11th, 2026 by President Steve, Collins, KB8RFE.

18 members, and 1 guest were present, including all officers & trustees

Prayer was led by Steve, KB8RFE. Afterwards, Steve, KB8RFE also led the Pledge of Allegiance

There was a round of introductions from all in attendance,

The following Birthdays were acknowledged by Steve

Carol Jordan, KD8ZOR

Mike Urban, KE8CKL

Presidents Report (Steve, KB8RFE)

- 1) Next meeting is March 11th, 2026
- 2) Dues are due by March 31st
- 3) Surplus club Equipment needs to be sold

Vice-Presidents Report (Allen, KE8ZLT)

Absent, no report

Secretaries report

Given by John, WG8X

- 1) Minutes of the January 14th meeting are on the website.
- 2) Dues are due; the club's membership year ends on March 31st
- 3) Roster has been kept up to date on the website. Renewals collected tonight will be posted on Saturday
- 4) Received the Thank you from the Salvation army; NADA from the other two charities.
NOTE: Paul got a verbal Thank you from Fretz for vets, and the thank you from Clothed in Righteousness arrive the following

day.

Motion to approve: Illegible on the recording

Seconded by: Illegible on the recording

The secretary's report was approved via a voice vote.

Treasurer's report

Given by Paul, K2ASA

Checking: \$2104.61

2 checks

1 to Steve for Trailer parts: \$291.70

1 for the PO Box \$78.00

Balance in Checking: 2104.61

Petty Cash: \$50

IRS Form 990 has been filed

Motion to approve: Alex, KE8VXG

Seconded by Butch: KE8IYN

The Treasurer's report was approved via voice vote.

Trustees report – None

VE Exams (James, KD8VT & Karen, N8HUC)

Report given by James, KD8VT

2026 dates have been posted to the website, and to the ARRL.
2026 dates are:

- 1) March 21
- 2) June 20
- 3) September 26th

All VE exams will be held at the Christ United Methodist Church (470 E. Broadway St, Alliance)

Repeaters

2M (145.370) – Echolink has needed to be reset a couple more times in the last month. WG8X is trying to do a better job of testing it on a weekly basis.

WG8X & KE8ZLT visited the site on January 16th to clean the connectors associated with the Echolink system. No complaints of scratchy audio have been received since that time.

440 (442.350) – WG8X has been dragging his feet on the planned site visit, for multiple reasons. The visit currently is tentatively planned for Monday February 16th. Since this will involve an inspection of the current antenna mounting system on the roof, we're hoping for some snow melt this week.

Fundraiser (HF Rig Raffle) –

Number of tickets: It was decided to stay with 1500 tickets.

Picking the new radio to raffle: We chose the Yaesu FT-991A for this year.

The Motion made was by James, KD8VT, seconded by Jim, KE8VZE

Passed on voice vote

February 21st – Members only page for ticket sales goes live.

March 1st – Tickets go live to the general public.

We are planning to sell at the following Hamfests in 2026:

March 8th - NOARS Winter Hamfest

March 15th - TMRA (Toledo)

April 11th - CFARC (Cuyahoga Falls – James & Karen to handle this one)

April 25th - Tusco (Dover)

April 26th - Athens (Athens)

May 2nd - Toledo (Lucas County ARES - Toledo)

May 15–17 - Hamvention (Xenia)

June 14th - Butler

Following club equipment to be sold:

Yaesu FT-1000MP

Yaesu FT-920

Drake MN-2000

And lots more

It was recommended that we make the items available to club members first, with the remainder being sent to Cuyahoga Falls Hamfest.

Discussion was held about reducing the percentage of profits donated to charity for this year's raffle. Last year, we donated 50%, and this left us a bit short.

A motion was made by James, KD8VT to reduce the percentage to 25% this year. The motion was made by Jim, KE8VZE

Passed on voice vote

Continuing the discussion from last month re the club tower, hazer, and beam, a motion was made by Paul, K2ASA; seconded by Butch, KE8IYN to sell these items.

The motion passed on a voice vote

Lastly, James, KD8VT informed us that the DX-pedition to Desechio island has been extended into March, 2026 due to rough seas.

Steve asked for comments for the good of the order.

The 50/50 was drawn, and the meeting adjourned afterwards at 7:47 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by John Myers, WG8X