

The January Business Meeting of the Alliance Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7pm on Wednesday, January 14th, 2026 by President Steve, Collins, KB8RFE.

15 members, and 0 guests were present, including all officers & trustees

Club President Steve, KB8RFE led the prayer. Following, Steve, KB8RFE led the Pledge of Allegiance

After a round of introductions from all in attendance,

Birthdays were acknowledged by Steve

### **Presidents Report**

Given by Steve, KB8RFE

- 1) Conference room has been confirmed for January – October at the Hospital
- 2) Winter Field Day operation has been added to the Winter Field Day website, and is on w8lky.org
- 3) Butch, KE8IYN, and Jim, KE8VZE were recognized for hosting the club coffee break since its start 3 years ago
- 4) We're trying to get the officers together each month at 6pm on meeting night. Turnout was low this month thanks to the weather.
- 5) Club dues are due by March 31<sup>st</sup>

### **Vice-Presidents Report**

Given by Allen, KE8ZLT

- 1) No report

## **Secretaries report**

Given by John, WG8X

- 1) Minutes of the November 12th meeting are on the website.
- 2) There was no December meeting since that was our Christmas Party

Motion to approve was made by Butch, KE8IYN, seconded by Jim, KE8VZE.  
The secretaries report was approved via a voice vote.

## **Treasurer's report**

Given by Paul, K2ASA

Paul reported that we have \$2474.34 in Checking.

Motion to approve was made by Bob, WB8OVQ, seconded by Karen, WD8BIW.

The treasurers report was approved via a voice vote.

## **VE Exams (James, KD8VT & Karen, N8HUC)**

Report given by James, KD8VT

- 1)** 2026 VE session dates will be posted in the next few days.  
James and Andy, AC8JR are working on this.

## **Repeaters**

**2M (145.370)** – Echolink has been a problem child for a couple weeks. Any audio coming through to the repeater via Echolink has been scratchy and unintelligible.

Echolink will be shut off until a site visit can be done (Site visit was done on Friday, Jan 16).

**440 (442.350)** – It was noted on January 12<sup>th</sup> that several people were having trouble being heard while using the 440 repeater.

This will be investigated on a future site visit.

One theory is that the feed point connection on the new antenna has cracked. Discussion was held concerning future antenna solutions.

**Homeland security Net (HSN)** – James is looking for an alternate net control for nights when he is not available. Currently, Jim, KE8VZE's radio is down, so he is off the HSN.

## **Club Trailer – (Steve, KB8RFE)**

- 1) Trailer is now roadworthy
- 2) Tires were dry rotted (replaced)
- 3) Rims were rusty (replaced)
- 4) Spare Tire/Rim currently doesn't exist, but we can use one of the old rims, with a new tire.

Some discussion was held regarding possible mounting locations for the spare.

- 5) Jack & handle is non-existent; will need to find one.
- 6) Left fender needed secured; this is done.
- 7) Top rack needs replaced or repaired.

Discussion was held concerning how best to approach this item. John, WG8X suggested giving real thought to selling the tower beam, and the hazer as a way to correct this.

James, KD8VT suggested adding more struts to the trailer top to increase it's load handling ability.

The possibility of a new trailer was brought up, but this is not in the current budget.

We'll return to this discussion at a future time.

## **Winter Field Day, (January 24/25)**

We'll be again at the Louisville Sportsmans Club (5300 Maplegrove St, Louisville, OH)

Lunch will be pizza (cost will be covered by passing the hat)

Dinner will be at 5PM everyone is asked to bring something to share. The Sportsmans club has a full kitchen, and plenty of room for crock pots.

Friday night setup time will be posted in a few days

### **Old Business**

None (already covered)

### **New Business**

Fundraiser (HF Rig Raffle) – John, WG8X presented three possible radios for this year; they are:

- 1) Icom IC-7300 MKII (\$1500)
- 2) Yaesu FTX1 – Optima (\$1900)
- 3) Yaesu FT-991 (\$1300)

The final decision will be made at the next meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Some other things brought up included:

- 1)** In light of some upcoming projects we want to work on, it was discussed that we reduce the percentage donated to charity.
- 2)** It was suggested that we increase the number of tickets available from 1500 to 2000.

This will all be decided on at the February meeting.

Tickets will be sold at the following Hamfests this year:

- 1) NOARS Winterfest
- 2) Toledo Mobile Radio Assoc (TMRA)
- 3) Cuyahoga Falls ARC (CFARC Hamfest)
- 4) Tusco ARC Hamfest
- 5) Athens Hamfest
- 6) Breezeshooters Hamfest (Butler, PA)

Steve asked for comments for the good of the order.

The 50/50 was drawn, and the meeting adjourned afterwards at 8:01pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by John Myers, WG8X