

Canton Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order by club president Dale Lamm NX8J at 7:30 p.m. After the pledge of allegiance, introductions took place with 10 members and one guest in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Justin W8JKC posted the reports to members through HamClubOnline. There were very few transactions since the last meeting. The bank balance rose \$48 to \$1590, with \$50 remaining in petty cash. The total balance now stands at \$1640. Jerry N8YB moved to accept the report; Roger W8VE seconded, and the motion passed. Bill?

Secretary's Report: After review on the projected monitors, Tom KA8MNT moved to accept the report. Bill N8PW seconded, and the motion passed.

Correspondence: Bruce Ferry of the Cuyahoga Falls ARC sent notice of its 67th Hamfest on Saturday, April 15 from 8 a.m. Info available at CFARC.org or through W8VPV.

Old Business: CARC signs in the sheriff's parking lot are not ready for installation yet. WD8AYE Dave has offered to get signs made from the previous vendor. Clothing with the CARC logo is available from KA8MNT Tom at ka8mnt@hotmail.com.

New Business: A discussion arose concerning the problem of collecting sales tax for club products. In Massillon, a clothing store sells the products and gives a cut to the club - an easy way out.

- Justin and Tom proposed setting up a table at the Tusco Hamfest, its first since Covid. This year the event will take place at the larger Fairgrounds venue. Admission is \$5. Roger made a motion to rent two tables (\$10 each) and pay admission for those who tend the tables. KA8MNT Tom seconded and the motion passed.

Repeater status: We have less than one year to find a new location. A committee has been set up by the Board to handle this, consisting of Dale, Mike & Dave. Suggestions are welcome. The Plain Township Fire Dept. on Clarendon NW is one consideration.

Youth outreach: June 11 – Aug 7 is summer camp. Volunteers are welcome. The Radio merit badge course at Camp Tuscazoar will be offered Oct. 20-22.

Open mic: K8ISS John thanked us for the sympathy card for his wife.

Tom was asked by Massillon to plan for another county picnic, possibly in September.

W8VE Roger operated Ohio State Parks on the air from Quail Hollow last August. He suggested that CARC enter the event the Saturday after Labor Day this year. He also moved the Club donate up to \$70 to the 2023 Ohio QSO party. Bill seconded and the motion passed.

Drawing: N8PW was the winner, and donated the \$6.50 winnings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

The Program: Dale showed a 1970 documentary of MARS – the Military Auxiliary Radio System – manned by Hams as an emergency backup for military communications. The show featured its use in helping American soldiers speak with their families during the VietNam war. (Note: further information about MARS can be found at Wikipedia.org, which also seeks further information.)