

Canton Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes of April 19, 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: The report was circulated over HamOnline by W8JKC Justin. Thanks primarily to dues collections, club finances picked up \$53 this month, ending at \$1693. WD8AYE Dave moved to accept the report, W8VE Roger seconded, and the motion passed.

Secretary's Report: The report was also delivered via HamOnline. After review, W8JKC Justin moved to accept, WD9AWR Mike seconded the motion, and it passed.

Correspondence: Jim Stahl of Mad River ARC thanked us for our donation to the Ohio QSO contest.

- Regrettably, Ross Riggs WB8MKP of Louisville has been diagnosed with a terminal disease. He has much ham gear for sale, with the proceeds going for donations, to the Boy Scouts among others. He does need help taking down his 50 ft. tower. Dale offered to investigate.
- Post box 8673 is up for renewal at \$166. Justin motioned to pay the fee, N8YB Jerry seconded, and the motion passed.
- Silent Keys: Dennis K8AGB sent the obituary of long-time CARC member Roger Stephens WU8G. Also Donald Carr W8THC and John Demuth K8CQA, a long-time QCWA member.

Old Business: No news on the signs for the Sheriff's parking lot. Matt is back.

Clothing with the CARC logo is available from KA8MNT Tom at ka8mnt@hotmail.com.

New Business: CARC will set up two tables at the Tusco Hamfest on Saturday. NX8J Dale, K8ISS John and w8jkc Justin will participate.

Repeater status: The clock is ticking. A commercial 500 ft. repeater antenna from Hoover is now available and can be adapted to ham radio for a price. Lightspeed Communication has roof rights to the Chase bldg. The Plain Township Fire Dept. on Clarendon is another consideration.

Youth outreach: Dale got call from Tuscazoar for another radio merit badge program. June 4 is Staff week. Dale will train the trainers. (Summer camp is seven weeks starting June 7.) Volunteers are requested to get the shack ready.

Open mic: John Myers from the Alliance ARC spoke about its 4th HF rig raffle for an FTDX10. Thirty percent will go to Alliance charities and the rest for the club.

- Roger brought up the new law against driving while texting. Ham radio is exempt. Hams should carry along a license and a copy of Ohio code section 4511-204, paragraph H-1.
- It's time to reach out to the farm again for Field Day. There are 5 pts for GOTA this year.

Drawing: WD8AYE Dave won the \$15 drawing and donated his share. It covers drinks and donuts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40.

The Program: John Myers WG8X from Alliance spoke about the 16th annual Ohio State Parks on the Air contest, taking place Sept 9. Favorite parks he mentioned were Beaver Creek, Bass Island, and Mt Gilead. Nearby parks are Quail Hollow, Portage Lakes and Wingfoot Lake. Parks with camping are Guilford Lake, Findley, Mohican, Lake Milton and West Branch. Contact John or ospota.org for further information.