

Columbus Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2014

CARC 2014 Officers:

President, Kim - KC9PLT

Vice-President, Lew - KC9NKB

Secretary, Joe - KA9OPL

Treasurer, Lois - KA9IOS

Director, Gary - KD9SB

Director, Jim - N9KVX

The meeting was called to order by Kim, with 14 people present.

Minutes: Kim (KC9PLT) read the December, 2013 minutes. (there was no January meeting)

The 2014 slate of officers was announced.

Approved - Motion(KC9BWO), Second(KF9IH)

Treasurer's Report: Lois (KA9IOS) presented December and January reports.

Approved - Motion(N9CJT), Second(KC9BWO)

Hamfest: Matt (KC9BWO) reported that table reservations are coming in; hamfest tickets have been printed; flyers have been posted; door prizes have been received; Jeff (K9JAJ) has volunteered to lead the kitchen activities. The hamfest will take place on March 29, from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Matt welcomes all who can help.

Field Day: The status is uncertain as the club has not expressed much interest. We would like to know if anyone would like to participate in a club Field Day activity.

Trustee Reports:

Marion (WD9HTN) reported that he and Gary (KD9sB) replaced a failed power supply at the 2M. repeater site during the severe cold snap in January.

Joe (KA9OPL) encouraged members to utilize the 70CM. (440) repeater. Both of our repeaters are high-quality systems. Those who have 70CM. equipment should take advantage of the 440 system. This would have been especially helpful during the power supply failure at the 2M. site. The backup battery for the 70CM. repeater will be installed when the weather becomes more favorable.

Packet: Jeff (K9JAJ) has encouraged ARES members to become familiar with packet as well as other digital modes. Greg (N9PUP) has a packet station on the air on 145.050MHZ. Digital communications can be especially valuable during emergencies because it provides a means of accurately and securely passing information.

March program: Noel (N9CJT) reported on the Weather Spotter Training which will be held at the Red Cross facility in Columbus on 03/13/2014, beginning at 7:00 PM. (a half hour earlier than our normal meeting time) The training will be followed by a short club meeting, with the emphasis on final planning for the hamfest.

Club Website: some discussion took place concerning the support of the site. Lately, the content has not been kept current. We need to be sure that Craig is still interested in maintaining the site. We appreciate the work he has done in hosting and supporting the website for us.

Future Programs:

April 2014 Echolink - Jim(N9KVX) will discuss the set-up and use of this mode of communication; assisted by Joe(KA9OPL).

May 2014 Repeaters - Gary(KD9SB) will present technical information as well as proper usage protocol.

June 2014 Beacons - Gary(KD9SB) will explain the basics of Beacons and Reverse Beacons.

August 2014 "There's An App For That" - Jim(N9KVS), Joe(KA9OPL), Gary(KD9SB) will introduce some of the many apps and resources available for use in Amateur Radio.

Programs for the remainder of the year have not yet been scheduled. However, Kim would like to do something festive for the December meeting.

Upgrade Classes: stay tuned.

Submitted by: Joe(KA9OPL), Secretary