

Columbus Amateur Radio Club
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2016

New 2016 officers and email addresses are as follows:

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(at is used above instead of @ to hopefully confound and confuse the spam bots.)

The club website is: CARCnet.net

Secretary's Report: Jim (WA9TGO) summarized the minutes from the last meeting. Motion to accept: Jim (N9KVX), Marion (WD9HTN) seconded. Motion passed.

Lois (KA9OIS) gave the January and the February Treasurer's report. Jim (WA9TGO) moved to accept, Bill (KD9DLR) seconded. Motion passed.

Trustee Reports:

2 Meter Repeater: Marion (WD9HTN) reported it's working ok, except it is still kerchunking once in a while. That is probably just people not identifying when checking if they are hitting the repeater.

440 Repeater: Joe (KA9OPL) reported no changes. Echolink is still retransmitting the control tones, and Joe is working with Jim (N9KVX) to either make Echolink ignore "unknown node numbers", or give him a way to turn it off when he needs to use the control codes.

Hamfest Report: Matt (KC9BWO) wasn't able to attend because of a family issue, but he sent out an email update. Mainly, he was asking for someone to take care of the kitchen. Bill (KD9DLR) and Jim (N9KVX) volunteered to help. Dave (KF9IH) may be involved also. Matt mentioned he had several requests for table reservations, and he had collected several door prizes. Tickets and fliers were approved and would be printed soon. Marion (WD9HTN) reserved the Conservation Council building for the testing, but he doesn't have the key yet. We only get 2 hours of setup time Friday night w/o paying for an extra day, so we will need help setting up tables from 6 to 8 pm Friday night. We can do the chairs Saturday morning if necessary. Then of course, we will need help taking down tables and cleaning up afterwards. Hamfest is April 9, 8 till noon.

Old Business: Josh (KC9YUA) is creating an html list of things from Jim Seddon's estate and attaching it to our carcnet.net website. Subsequent testing showed that if someone searches for something on the list they can find it on our EXCHANGE listing, but of course it comes after several pages of commercial and more frequently accessed websites.

New Business: Jim (N9KVX) reminded everyone the state RACES drill will be Saturday, February 13. Packet radio is coming back because some packet software will forward email. RACES is pushing this because it can be an emergency email system if the local web goes down. Winlink and rmsinternet or rmsexpress are a couple of popular client programs. Jim set up a packet station at the Columbus EOC. N9PUP also has one in Bartholomew County. There is also one at Atterbury, one at Muscatatuck, one in Bedford, and one in Bloomington.

Joe (KA9OPL) moved to adjourn. Marion (WD9HTN) seconded first, followed by everyone else.

Submitted by: Jim (WA9TGO), Secretary