

Minutes-January 18, 2024, General Meeting

By Jim Gifford N8KET, Secretary

Executive Committee Members Present

President: Ray Hitt N8VMX, Newsletter

Vice President: Jim Totten WA8HUB, Lunch Bunch

Treasurer: John Westerkamp W8LRJ, Communications Center

Secretary: Jim Gifford N8KET

Sr. Director: Jim Lusk KC8EFD, Clubhouse

Jr. Director: Bob French AC8ZU, POTA, Tech Night

Functional Coordinators Present:

Tink Siwecki KD8NUA, Hospitality and Library

Glenn Rodgers WI8O, Field Day

Paul Sharp WS8R, Education

Executive Committee Members Absent

At about 7:30 pm, President Ray Hitt N8VMX welcomed attendees and led attendees in the pledge of allegiance. The mic was passed among attendees for introductions and to welcome visitors and recognize upgrades or new licensees.

Agenda Item 1. David G. Casteel-Program Management Summary on Recent Cell Phone Outage

Dave Casteel KX8U works for a multi-national firm, and he presented information on the recent multi-hour outage of the cell phone network.

Based on his interesting and insightful commentary, Casteel asked attendees, “What does this have to do with us”? He then described APRS, packet reporting, the MESH network and encouraged ham radio operators to investigate our available and ready means to use ham radio to communicate using text or email.

Several members asked questions and a lively discussion resulted.

Agenda Item 2. Treasurer’s Report

John Westerkamp W8LRJ provided a synopsis of financial activities for the past month. He had emailed the report to members before the meeting, and it is entered below:

April income is usually low and this month was no exception. Expenses included Spectrum Internet, club liability insurance, and a replacement bulb for the projector. We do continue to earn about \$20 per month interest on our CD.

Our balance as of the April Membership Meeting is \$9981.85.

John Westerkamp, W8LRJ
Treasurer

Fund	31-Mar-24	Income	Expenses	30-Apr-24
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General	\$2,578.21	\$0.00	\$411.03	\$2,167.18
Comm center	\$1,586.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,586.22
Refreshments	\$755.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$755.97
Repeater	\$319.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$319.53
All Liquid Funds	\$5,239.93	\$0.00	\$411.03	\$4,828.90
6 Month CD	\$5,152.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,152.95
ALL FUNDS	\$10,392.88	\$0.00	\$411.03	\$9,981.85

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Jim Totten WA8HUB moved we accept the report; Joe Muchnij N8QOD seconded. Passed.

Agenda Item 3. Minutes

Glenn Rodgers WI8O moved we accept the minutes as written; Larry Darner KD8RER seconded; passed.

Agenda Item 4. Coordinators' Reports

Sugar Maple Parade

Ray Hitt spoke about the upcoming Sugar Maple parade and explained what it is and how to get involved to newer members.

Field Day

Glenn Rodgers is the Field Day Coordinator, and he advised an email would be sent soon announcing upcoming planning and preparation meetings. Rodgers explained why BARC sets certain meeting times and places so that each facet of setting up the shelter could occur. He said at 8am the power crew would be the only ones on site. There are volunteers needed for obtaining tables and chairs and equipment.

Once all these crews converge at Sackett Wright Park, breakfast will be provided.

At 2pm, Field Day officially starts. At 3:30 pm there will be an educational session for all interested. At 5:30 pm will be the picnic.

Rodgers asked for volunteers to sign up.

Badges

Attendees who do not have a name tag on the rack need to see Jim Gifford N8KET.

Movie Night

Tink Siwecki announced Movie Night the following Thursday, April 25. The movies are "the Meg" and The Meg 2."

Tech Night

Bob French AC8ZU invited everyone to Tech Night coming up April 24 at 7 pm. It would be Crimping and Sealing presented by Tim Procuniar N8NQH.

Rookie Roundup

John Westerkamp announced the Rookie Roundup on the following Sunday, April 28, from until later in the afternoon. He explained what Rookie Roundup was about.

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Little Miami Clean-up

Darryl Fowler KD8JQE announced that the Little Miami River Clean-up would occur on June 29. Fowler will seek volunteers as the date grows closer.

Tech Night Code Oscillators

Jim Gifford told attendees that a CW practice oscillator building project would be happening later in the summer. He demonstrated Tim Procuniar one already built. Gifford said that supplies have already been purchased.

BARC Lunch Bunch

Jim Totten said the next BARC Lunch Bunch would be at Another Broken Egg Café next week (Tuesday, April 23).

Newsletter

Ray Hitt asked that anyone sending articles or other text for the newsletter send it to “editor@Bellbrookarc.org”.

Larry Darner moved we adjourn; seconded by Joe Muchnij; adjourned at 8:24 pm.