

Minutes-February 16, 2023, General Meeting

By Jim Gifford KD8APT, Secretary

Executive Committee Members Present

President: Ray Hitt N8VMX, Newsletter, Field Day

Vice President: Glenn Rodgers KE8LZD, Greeter, Shack Tours

Treasurer: John Westerkamp W8LRJ, Communications Center

Secretary: Jim Gifford KD8APT

Jr. Director: Don Parker KB8PSL

Sr. Director: Jim Lusk KC8EFD, Clubhouse

Functional Coordinators Present:

Jim Totten WA8HUB, BARC Lunch Bunch

Tink Siwecki KD8NUA, Hospitality and Movie Night

Executive Committee Members Absent

N/A

At 7:30pm, President Ray Hitt N8VMX led attendees in the pledge of allegiance. Hitt introduced the evening's guest speaker, Michael Kalter W8CI. Kalter is a member of the Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) and is the spokesperson for Hamvention. Kalter is the former DARA president, former General Chair of Hamvention, Past Chairman of the Dayton Regional Manufacturing Association, and the 2017 recipient of the RCA-sponsored Barry Goldwater Award. He has represented amateur radio in several countries as a keynote speaker. Kalter represented amateur radio in India working with the National Institute of Amateur Radio. He is a primary net control in Wilmington, Ohio, for Skywarn, serving southern Ohio, northern Kentucky, and eastern Indiana.

Agenda Item 1. Ohio's New Law and Its application to Ham Radio

Michael Kalter presented an excellent talk on how he helped prevent amateur radio operators from being affected by Ohio Bill 283, the law on distracted driving. Kalter said he contacted Ohio Representative Brian Lampton and helped write simple wording to exclude amateur radio operators from being charged for using a hand-held microphone.

The simple wording proposed, and accepted: An "electronic wireless communication device" does not include a two-way radio transmitter or receiver used by a person who is licensed by the Federal Communications Commission to participate in the amateur radio service.

Kalter paid BARC a high compliment and said that we are an "impressive club with so much activity," and BARC's "newsletter is first class."

Agenda Item 2. Minutes

Jim Totten WA8HUB moved to accept; Jim Lusk KC8EFD seconded; passed.

Agenda Item 2. Treasurer's Report

Before the Treasurer's report, the Audit Committee chaired by Sr Director Don Parker KB8PSL, with Jim Totten and Jim Lusk, shared that the audit of the 2022 financials was completed and no issues were found.

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John Westerkamp W8LRJ said that Amazon Smiles has ended; we will receive a final check. There were some expenses and income was from dues. He also said that the Planning Committee had made Henry Bussey W8TOG a lifetime member.

The text of his email sent just before the meeting:

"Income so far in February has been about \$150 from dues and Amazon Rewards. We are beginning to see expenses from the upgrades to the Communications Center for cable and new headphones as well as the Hamvention Flea Market space rental. Total expenses for February were about \$560. Our balance as of today is \$8691.83.

The Planning Group has approved a recommendation that Henry Bussey, W8TOG, be named a Member Emeritus and given a Lifetime Dues Exemption. We will present him with a certificate.

The 2022 Treasurer's books will be audited tonight and the results will be announced at the Membership Meeting.

The 2023 Budget is attached. Our base budget is in deficit assuming 100 members. We have about 143 members of which 118 have paid so far (83%). Money earned from donations and auction sales covers all expenses and then some. The main budget move is \$1000 to the Communications Center to cover the amplifier repair and make sure we have funding for the work to be done on the rooftop."

Following is the financial report as emailed before the meeting:

Fund	31-Jan-23	Income	Expenses	28-Feb-23
General	\$6,188.66	\$148.99	\$269.50	\$6,068.15
Comm center	\$1,774.28	\$0.00	\$270.83	\$1,503.45
Refreshments	\$677.71	\$0.00	\$19.98	\$657.73
Repeater	\$462.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$462.50
ALL FUNDS	\$9,103.15	\$148.99	\$560.31	\$8,691.83

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Westerkamp presented the proposed budget with a slide on the screen. He explained that BARC now has two expenses that it added during 2022: Zoom (\$150 a year) and Spectrum (\$840 a year).

BARC Financial Road Map

Base Budget (Assumes 100 Members at \$15.00 Per Year)

Assumption: 100 Members at \$15.00 Per Year

Income		Expenses	
Totals	\$1,500.00	Totals	\$2,075.00
Dues	\$1,500.00	Field Day	\$200.00
		Radio Insurance	\$170.00
		Liability Insurance	\$300.00
		Zoom	\$150.00
		Website Hosting	\$100.00
		Domain Name	\$25.00
		OARC Repeaters	\$10.00
		P.O. Box	\$180.00
		Donations	\$100.00
		Spectrum	\$840.00

BARC currently has 140 members so there is some cushion in the income.
BARC also generally raises additional funds from auctions and donations.

Overall Budget

2022 Balance	Budget	Ending	
Totals	\$9,662.60	\$9,348.02	
General Fund	\$4,582.18	\$6,252.05	
Communication Fund	\$3,215.42	\$1,995.76	ALS-600 Repair
Refreshments	\$447.50	\$637.71	
Repeater	\$1,417.50	\$462.50	2M Repeater

2023 Budget			
Totals	\$9,348.02		
General Fund	\$5,252.05		
Communication Fund	\$2,995.76		Rooftop
Refreshments	\$637.71		
Repeater	\$462.50		

Move \$1000 from General Fund to Communications Fund to cover amplifier repair and rooftop updates for 2023.

Don Parker asked about the cutoff for dues payment in order to have names in the directory. Westerkamp said the end of February was the cutoff.

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

Agenda Item 3. President's and Coordinators' Reports

President

Ray Hitt calls for ideas for the *Full Quieting* newsletter: solar? CW? Hitt also said that he still needs someone to take over Field Day coordination.

Vice President and Programs

Glenn Rodgers KE8LZD asked members for inputs on meeting programs. He said that at the March Operating Afternoon (second Sunday) there will be an exercise in building a 10m dipole. Also, March 19 there is a plan to hold a Parks on the Air (POTA), location TBD. He will communicate details in March.

Movie Night

Tink Siwecki said Movie Night will be February 23rd. The Movie is "My Big Fat Greek Wedding."

Flex Users' Group

Paul Sharp WS8R invited all members to each Flex Users' Group, meeting here at the clubhouse. The last meeting, Monday, was a great success. He also encouraged all members to join in the Sunday Night Net at 8pm each Sunday night.

BARC Lunch Bunch

Jim Totten said the next lunch will be February 28, 11:15am, at Roosters on N. Fairfield Rd. The full list is in *Full Quieting*.

Hamvention Flea Market

Paul Sushereba WE8Y is in charge now of the BARC Flea Market at Hamvention. He asked for volunteers to assist set it up and operate during Hamvention.

Jim Lusk moved we close the meeting; John Westerkamp seconded.

The meeting ended at about 8:14pm.