



Van Wert Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

1220 Lincoln Highway
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August 3, 2013

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Ralph Shields WVB8YIH

Publicity Manager

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ORGANIZED 1952

CONSTITUTION ADOPTED: 1954

ARRL AFFILIATION: 1954

INCORPORATED NON-PROFIT: 1963

MEETING MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order by the President Jack Snyder at 8:00 pm. on August 3rd. with 11 voting members, and 1 visitor present. Minutes from the July 6th meeting was read and approved with corrections. No meeting was held on July 20th do to the Hamfest.

Treasurer reported a cash balance on hand. **Motion by Duane Poling to accept the report, 2nd by Dave Taylor. Motion passed.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFICERS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ralph Shields, Activities Manager thanked those who helped out at the Tractor Tour. 37 Tractors registered and made the trip from Kennedy-Kuhn JD Dealership to Mendon Ohio and returned. A few did not make it back under their own power. Providing communications was Dave Freels, Ralph Shields, Mike Harvey, and Jerry Rhodes.

Ralph also announced that the Hot Air Festival will be coming up as well as the Van Wert County Fair.

Ralph also suggest that the club send a thank you letter to the RARA club for the use of their trailer during Field Day.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mike Harvey went over the Hamfest results which showed an increase in net profit over last years. He also stated that he has heard many good comments on our Hamfest, with people stating that they hoped we would continue with it.

After discussion, it was moved by Mike Harvey and 2nd by Ralph Shields to hold the 2014 Hamfest. This will be our 27th year. Motion passed.

Mike also volunteered to serve as the Chairman for next years Hamfest.

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MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED:

NEW BUSINESS:

The Treasurer advised that the 100/700 repeater had been retuned and is working great at this time.

The Treasurer also informed the club that George Ropp has made an offer to the club for donating his UHF Repeater to the club in exchange for Life Membership. The repeater is a Motorola and Dave said it would tune to the amateur frequency. This would replace our old Standard Repeater that is in current use and is located in the Penthouse at the Van Wert County Hospital. After discussion, Ralph Shields made a motion to accept George Ropps offer. 2nd by Val Sluterbeck. Motion passed.

Ralph Shields, Activities Manager also advised that he has 8 arm bands for people who want to help out at the Hot Air Festival. The EMA Command post will be set up near the Commercial Building as was last year.

No further business, **Ralph Shields moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.**

Minutes approved at meeting

Respectfully Submitted

Held on: _____

Stephen J. Kouts, Secretary