

Board meeting was held at the PCARS Club Site on Oakwood Street, Ravenna, OH

Meeting was opened at 1835 by President Rick, K8CAV.

K8CAV asked KB8UUZ to take minutes. KB8UUZ accepted.

Board Members Present: K8CAV, AC8NT, AE8YL, K8IV, KD8SKL

Board Members Absent: WB8LCD, N8RLG

Guests: KB8UUZ, W5OV, KB8TUY

Minutes from the previous meeting: WB8LCD sent them out via e-mail, but not everyone received them (trouble with PORTCARS mail system). K8CAV asked for a motion to accept. Motion AC8NT, 2nd K8CAV - motion passed

Treasurer report from KD8SKL was reviewed. Motion to accept AE8YL, 2nd K8IV - motion passed.

Trustees Report: K8IV - no report, AE8YL asked about inventory - when? K8CAV said in December.

VP Report: AC8NT spoke about Tech Class coming up and the Tiny Circuits trip/tour - will send out QST to let members know what's going on. September meeting topic will be batteries by KB8UHN, October meeting topic will be about Loop Antennas even if AC8NT has to do it. AC8NT spoke about the new security cameras and what they are capable of doing and how the system will e-mail anomalies to officers who can log in to view live or recordings. 14th of Oct will be open house - only thing the club needs to purchase is food.

Club site needs to be cleaned up inside and outside. Lots of accumulated 'junk' in bay 2, outside needs weed whacked and picked up. After discussion K8CAV set September 30th - 9am will be Club Clean Day - all 'junk' in bay 2 will be offered for free - but has to be picked up by 10 am or it goes in the trash bin.

K8CAV said we have to start publicizing about the November meeting - the meeting when we raise money for Family & Community Services. There will be some really good items for the raffle. We need to raise as much as we can.

CLUB SHIRTS - Discussion was held about getting club shirts, jackets, etc. Ham wear dot com has been on our web site since day one but no one really pays attention to it. We need to possibly have a local vendor carry a product line customized for PCARS - KD8SKL to look into it.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee: Has not been a meeting - this project will not be done and ready this year - possibly 1st quarter 2018.

FIELD DAY: K8CAV said WA8AR should be setting up a meeting for Field Day 2018 soon.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE; AC8NT has been working on getting kits made up with the appropriate adapters for each radio position. Will also be getting new coax jumpers (8X) for each station from radio to SWR Meter to Filter.

LARGE TOWER ANTENNA AUDIT: Need to label coax cables coming into building from large tower so we know what connects to what. Also the N-Connectors are shot and need replaced with PL-259 connectors. K8IV to work with AC8NT on this project.

CRIMP TOOL KIT: Need to get the Crimp Tool Kit for the club site. KB8UUZ to check with DXE to get a PCARS discount. Cost will be under \$150 for the DXE-CRMP2-KIT

SPECTRUM ANALYZER: AC8NT is working on a deal to get one at a very favorable cost [VERY FAVORABLE he said (more than once)]

OTHER BUSINESS; KB8UUZ is in line to get the domain name of PCARS.RADIO Will know more possibly in November.

K8CAV said we need to look at getting an antenna analyzer for the lab. AC8NT is looking into a couple of models, one that requires a PC and would be good in the lab and another one that is portable and easy to use.

FILTERS: We suspect the LBS Filters are causing SWR problems. During the OQP .this was noticed. DXE was told about this. DXE suggested that K8IV do a sweep of the filters to see if there is possible damage (maybe in shipping?). K8IV to take this task.

CONTESTING: K8IV would like to set up a remote operating position on the west side of the property so 40 meters could possibly be shared by CW and Phone for better activity and scoring.

LOGGING: Due to the problems with N3FJP contest programs (updates just a few hours before a contest - and it caused us down time at the start of the OQP) the club will look in to using N1MM contesting software. N3FJP is fine for Field Day. AC8NT will download N1MM and give it a quick try on our networked system.

AE8YL want someone to go through the calendar and determine way in advance when the Board Meeting would be bumped due to holidays. K8CAV to take this task.

No further business. K8CAV asked for a motion to close the meeting: Motion by AE8YL, 2nd KD8SKL - motion passed - meeting closed at 1942.

Minutes recorded and submitted to the board by KB8UUZ - 5 September 2017