

**Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Inc. (PCARS) Meeting
Minutes 10/09/2017**

October 09, 2017 meeting: Held at The American Legion Post 496, 1945 Mogadore Rd., Kent, OH 44240. Opened by President Rick Krus, K8CAV at 7:00 PM. Rick gave time for all visitors to be introduced

51 Sign Ins- WB8VYW, NR8W, KD8LIR, WB8LCD, K8CAV, KC8YYS, WA8GCF, WB8VNO, KB8UUZ, AE8YL, W0KGB, N8PXW, KD8ICP, K8FEY, W8JFQ, WA8UWV, KA8OAD, N8SY, KA8TOA, KD8EPA, K3GP, AC8QG, Bernadette, Benedict, Agnes, Dominic, WV8P, KB8TUY, KD8WBC, K8SWJ, N8QE, W8PT, KD8EPG, KD8YXH, N8GPS, W8GU, KD8FME, AC8XO, WA8US, N8KBX, KD8SKL, W8KNO, W5OV, K8IV, WA8AR, W8EZT, KD8SOP, Denise, K8FF, KB8AMZ, N8QZ

President's Report- Rick, K8CAV

President Rick, along with OSM Scott Yonally – N8SY, presented Tom Parkinson – KB8UUZ with the plaque proclaiming that The Radiogram won the Great Lakes Division Newsletter contest for 2017. The plaque is now hanging in the radio room at the PCARS Club site in Ravenna.

Secretary's Report – Tom – WB8LCD

The meeting minutes from the September PCARS meeting were emailed out prior to the meeting. It was moved that the minutes be accepted by Russ – NR8W, seconded by Erica – AE8YL and accepted unanimously by the membership.

Treasurer's Report – Amy, KD8SKL

Total Expenses \$ 167.25 .

Total Income \$ 101.00 .

Balance is \$ 9804.78 .

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Scott - N8SY Seconded:Jim - KC8YYS, motion passed.

Vice President's Report - Jim, AC8NT

Steve – K8SRR has been putting a TON of work in on the PCARS email system. Changes being made by ISP's and email providers are making it more difficult to handle the email needs of an organization like PCARS without spending a lot of money in fees. Steve is looking for ways to bypass the fee system and still get the emails out. As time goes on, we may need to rely more on other methods to communicate including social media.

Thank you to all who participated in the “Clean-up” day at the club site – the Open House and Get On The Air day are set for October 14 beginning at 11:00 AM.

Jim's Amateur Extra class is set to begin on the second week in January 2018. More info will follow.

Jim has 38 kids who want to take their Technician class license exam. He will need as many VE's as possible to volunteer for a Saturday session.

Trustees – Nothing to report

Field Day – Tony reported that the first FD meeting had taken place, and that all station captains are signed up.

Contesting – Chuck – W8PT

The most recent contest was the CA QSO Party. Chuck discussed his opinion as to how contest operations should be handled. Chuck submitted a letter of resignation as the PCARS Contest Chairman.

(Secretary's note: In the days following the meeting, and at the insistence of many PCARS members, Chuck withdrew his resignation, and will remain the PCARS Contest Chairman)

Special Interest Groups:

Terry – KB8AMZ noted that the QRP/CW SIG would meet at the club site Tuesday October 10 at 7:00PM.

Other Items:

Russ – NR8W will sell 50/50 tickets tonight

Tom – WB8LCD and Rick – K8CAV both talked about the election of officer's at the November meeting and also about the PCARS donation to the Center of Hope collected at the November meeting and how important that is for both the Center of Hope and for PCARS.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:30 PM by AE8YL ; seconded by. NR8W Meeting closed.

50/50 winner: Tom WB8LCD \$125.00

Program: Magnetic Loop Antennas – Frank W8EZT and Jim AC8NT

Submitted by Tom Sly - wb8lcd, Secretary