

**Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Inc, (PCARS) Meeting
Minutes 3/12/218**

March 12, 2018 meeting: Held at The American Legion Post 496, 1945 Mogadore Rd., Kent, OH 44240. Opened by President Jim Wilson – AC8NT at 7:00 PM. Jim introduced our evenings speaker, OH Section SEC Stan Broadway, N8BHL, and then gave time for all visitors to be introduced

Sign Ins- WB8LCD, KD8ICP, WB8VYW, K3GP, K8FEY, K8MSH, KB8UUZ, KD8SOP, NR8W, WA8GCF, KD8FME, W8KNO, WD8BIW, N8PXW, KB8TUY, K8IV, WA8AR, AC8NT, KD8SKL, K8CAV, K8SWJ, WB8OVQ, AC8QG, Bernadette, Benedict, Agnes, Dominic, W5OV, KD8JRE, KE8EEG, WA8US, W8GWI, KD8VT, WA8UWV, K8NYM, KC8RKD, AE8YL, WA4WGA, KE8IED, N8GPS, KE8IMP, N8FTP, N1CJW, KD8WHA, N8KBX, KB8AMZ, KB8ZWT, KD8WZS, N8BHL. 50 Total.

Tom – KB8UUZ presented the updates to the PCARS Constitution and By-Laws for acceptance by the club members present. There was a motion by Rick – K8CAV, seconded by Erica – AE8YL, that we approve the constitution revisions as presented. Joe – W8KNO had comments regarding a change of placement of a sentence that should be moved under the officers tab. That was agreed to, but there was other discussion regarding process. The motion on the floor was rescinded. Russ – NR8W felt that the whole document should be read aloud. No motion was made regarding that after discussion. Nick – AC8QG made a motion that the vote should be on a “secret ballot”. The motion was seconded by Russ – NR8W but not passed by the membership. Rick – K8CAV re-made his original motion which again was seconded by Erica – AE8YL. A vote was taken by a raising of hands and the motion passed, 27 yea, 8 nay. The updates to the constitution and by-laws will become effective immediately and will be posted to the web site as soon as practical.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as posted.

Treasurer’s Report – Amy – KD8SKL

Total Expenses for February \$17.60
Total Income for February \$650.66
Total Balance all accounts \$12,802.50

Trustees Report

The trustees had nothing to report this month

President’s Report – Jim – AC8NT

Jim discussed our new QST Email system. He reminded all members to give any updates to email addresses to Tom – WB8LCD so that the database could be kept current and that you would continue to receive the club’s QST’s. Jim reminded everyone that there would be no “Global” response to QST’s, any response would go only to the sender. It was also noted that the email alias system was no longer working and that “your callsign@portcars” was no longer a valid email address,

Rick – K8CAV – asked if it would be possible to open up the members section of the PCARS site to show members “real” email addresses for anyone that logged into the members area. This would help members to be able to keep in touch with each other. Jim said that was certainly doable and would contact Steve – K8SRR – to change that.

Jim stated that GOTA days at the club site would now be designated GOTA – Project Days and that anyone wishing to work on projects would have access to the PCARS tools, instruments and work area to get their projects up and running.

Ray – WA4WGA suggested that we consider setting up at least one of our club site stations as a remote base that could be used by members who are not able to set up a station in their homes.

Vice President's Report – Tony -WA8AR

Field Day - There will be no “Antenna Day” this year.

The 6 meter station will be set up to run FT8 in addition to SSB this year.

Still looking for someone to pick up the food service for this year. We will have a simple menu for this year. Robert – N8RLG – has agreed to do Sunday breakfast.

Secretary's Report – Tom – WB8LCD

One new membership application for Michael Szabo – N8WCD – a Tech from Rootstown.

Motion to accept – George – K3GP, Seconded by Erica – AE8YL, passed unanimously.

It was mentioned that for the ARRL RTTY contest that PCARS participated in a few weeks ago we scored 22,400 and place in the “middle of the pack” which is not too bad for a first ever RTTY participation. Rick – K8CAV – talked about our participation in the Idaho and WI QSO parties and Parky pointed out how much fun Rick had working the two.

Special Interest Groups

Digital – Rick – K8CAV - next meeting will be covering WINLINK 2000, which is very useful for EMCOMM. After that they will be covering DMR.

QRP – Terry – KB8AMZ – will be working on a code practice oscillator project to be followed by a qrp SWR meter.

Antennas – Tony – WA8AR – Antenna modeling software.

LINUX for Hams – Terry – KB8AMZ – bring your raspberry PI's

In final comments Jim – AC8NT – announced that PCARS had been chosen as the Dayton Hamvention “Club of the Year” award winner! He also promised that we are not done yet and have lots more Ham Radio Fun to accomplish!

Rick – K8CAV – talked about EMCOMM and the Portage County Communications Unit.

There was a motion from Erica – AE8YL to close the meeting, seconded by George – K3GP – and passed unanimously. The meeting was closed at approximately 7:50 PM.

The 50/50 was won by KD8WHA - \$122

The evenings presentation was given by Stan Broadway – N8BHL – The OH SEC on EMCOMM and all of the EMCOMM activities and public services that have been provided hams in Ohio.