

**Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Inc, (PCARS) Meeting
Minutes 6/11/2018**

June 11, 2018 meeting: Held at The American Legion Post 496, 1945 Mogadore Rd., Kent, OH 44240. The meeting was opened by President Jim Wilson – AC8NT at 7:00 PM. and all visitors to be introduced.

Sign Ins- WB8LCD, KD8SKL, KB8UUZ, W8SV, K8FS, WB8AYD, KD8WZS, KD8ICP, KD8MQ, N8PXW, WB8OVQ, KD8VT, KB3GXB, N8HUC, KD8WCK, MARA, AC8NT, PHIL, KC8RKD, N8SY, K8CAV, KC8YYS, WA8CCU, K8MSH, KD8WHA, KE8JEP, W8FSF, KD8EPG, KD8XYH, AC8QG, KE8JUZ, KD8JRE, KE8EGG, K8HTB, W8RID, N8KBX, KB8ZWT, WA8UWV, W8JFQ, K8FEY, W8EZT, KD8FME, K8IV, WA8US, W8PT, KEGP, W8KNO, KE8IED, WA8TSI, KB8SK, KB8TUY, N8GPS, N8WCP, K8KSU, MONTIE, N8FUM, WA8AR, AE8YL, KE8EGF, KD8SOP, KA8TOA, N8BI. (62 TOTAL)

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as posted.

Treasurer's Report – Amy – KD8SKL

Total Expenses for May	\$3.65
Total Income for May	\$779.00
Balance in the Field Day Fund	\$530.0
Total Balance all accounts	\$12,760.95

It was moved to accept by Rick – K8CAV, seconded by Erica – AE8YL and passed unanimously.

Trustees Report

The trustees had nothing to report this month

President's Report – Jim – AC8NT

Email statistics are getting better and Constant Contact is meeting our needs.

There will be no formal presentation this evening, but there are several reports to be made and planning items for Field Day.

There will be a Field Day VE session at 4:00PM on Saturday

Vice-President's Report – Tony – WA8AR

Tony invited all club members to participate in Field Day with the club.

The Antenna SIG will be cancelled for this month, replaced with a final Field Day planning session.

Secretary's Report – Tom – WB8LCD

New membership applications were submitted for: Montie Hardman – KE8KCJ, Benedict J Wagner – KE8JUZ, Joseph Wolfe – KE8JFP, and Marie Carron as an Associate Member. Eddie – KD8SOP moved that all be accepted to membership. The motion was seconded by Rick - WA8TSI. The motion to accept passed unanimously.

Tom talked about how important it was that we recruit new / young hams into the hobby, but pointed out that we cannot and should not forget about the “Old Timers” that have done so much for the hobby up to this point. He also pointed out that in the most recent revision to our constitution and by-laws, provision was made to award any PCARS member who has been a member for at least 5 consecutive years and had attained that age of 75 be awarded Life-Time membership status. Life-Time membership was awarded to: Al – WA8CCU, Jim – KD8FME, Joe – W8KNO, Bob – W8JFQ, Carl – N4IT, Larry – N8FTP, Bob – NT8K, Bob – K8AAB and Wes – K8NYM.

PCARS Thursday Night 2-meter Nets – Greg – KA8TOA Thanks for all of your participation, especially the Net Control Ops. If you would like to be a NCS please let Greg know. He has passed out a few new “10 in a row” certificates.

Special Interest Groups

DX/Contesting – Chuck – W8PT

This months SIG would serve as the Field Day After Action meeting.

The OH BBQSO Party would be August 25/26.

OSPOTA is the first weekend after Labor Day in September.

CA QSO party is in October.

Digital – Rick – K8CAV – Still need more volunteers for the Communications Unit. July 14 will be the Headwaters Adventure Race – still could use some volunteers for that public service event.

QRP – Terry – KB8AMZ – will continue talking about small building projects and giving ops a chance to Get on the Air.

Field Day – Tony – WA8AR

Antenna Crew – Need a total of 15

Need help loading and unloading the truck at the club site

Need Donations: Cash/ water / pop / snacks

Make sure to get your meal tickets from Tom WB8LCD and/or Amy KD8SKL

Parky – KB8UUZ – PCARS “Club of the Year” Special Event station will be on Saturday July 7th at the club site from 10:00AM – 10:00PM.

Jim – AC8NT – Roof work at the club site has been completed! We should have a secure space again. As a result, we want to re-route all cables so that none are on, nor do we need to get on the roof. Tom – WB8LCD is working on a system for cable runs along the sides of the building. The 2 meter Echo Link antenna will also be repositioned.

Several “build days” are being developed for the near future including:

Anderson Power Pole distribution box.

2 meter, 70 cm J-Pole antenna

Lithium Fe PO4 Battery packs

There was a motion from Mark – K8SMH to close the meeting, seconded by Amy– KD8SKL – and passed unanimously. The meeting was closed at approximately 8:35 PM.

The 50/50 was won by KE8IED - \$80.00