



**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12th 2021  
MEETING OF THE  
SENECA RADIO CLUB**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Dan Rinaman- AC8NP.  
All were asked to stand for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.  
The meeting was held at Buffalo Wild Wings 100 South Shaffer Park Drive, Tiffin, OH 44883

**Roll Call - Members Present:**

Dan Rinaman-AC8NP, Franklin Doan-KA8LKN, Dan Stahl-KC8PBU, Jim Yoder-W8ERW, Mark Griffin-N8OHO, Michael Mastro-KD8QDL, Deb Wilkinson-KD8UGC, Denny Wilkinson-KD8TLL, Michael Klaiss-KC8BUJ, Gary Magers-KD8LLS, Joy Bunting-KE8ODJ, Shannon Bunting-W8SPB, John Walker-K8EMR, Kevin Goshe-AD8FL, Scott Edmondson-W8IES, Greg Flechtner-WJ8Y, Beth Souder-KE8EKG, Jeff Michel-KE8EKH, Troy Blair-KE8DRR, Nicholas Portentoso-KE8JNM, Mike Montgomery-KE8RSH, Ron Krupp-K8RUP, Zach Stumpf-KD8UHO, Mike Martien-WA8BTT. Ben Krieger-KE8QZM Guest

**Minutes of the Meeting Held on March 12th, 2021:**

A motion was made by Shannon Bunting-W8SPB to approve the minutes. Franklin Doan-KA8LKN 2nd Motion Passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Michael Mastro-KD8QDL passed out a 2020-2021 comparative quarterly report. We are up with a \$253.00 net income. \$50.00 came from donations and \$201.00 from dues. On the balance sheet the Legacy checking is up \$570.00. There hasn't been anything changed in the equipment. When we do the value will be lower and the cash flow will still be there.

A motion was made by Denny Wilkinson-KD8TLL to approve the Treasurer's Report and Gary Magers-KD8LLS 2nd. Motion Passed.

**Membership:**

Michael Mastro-KD8QDL stated two members have an interest in Life membership. A motion was made by John Walker-K8EMR to accept Life Membership for Beth Souder-KE8EKG and Jeff Michel-KE8EKH  
Jim Yoder-W8ERW 2nd. Motion Passed.

Michael Mastro-KD8QDL stated Ben Krieger-KE8QZM would like to join regular membership. A motion was made by Joy Bunting-KE8ODJ to accept Ben Krieger-KE8QZM as a regular member. Greg Flechtner-WJ8Y 2nd. Motion passed.

**Equipment Committee:**

Dylan Warren-W8DYL has received the ICOM 706 and is starting his trial.

**Repeater Committee:**

The repeater is running Analog /Fusion. Greg Flechtner-WJ8Y along with Jeff Potteiger-WB8REI are looking into a Band Depth filter. The selectivity of the Fusion repeater is not as good as the Kenwood. The sensitivity is better on Yassu than the Kenwood. John Walker-K8EMR knows someone who turned off our repeater because they could not

squelch it out of their scanner. Dan Rinaman-AC8NP stated that the Tiffin PD, Sheriff's Office, and Fostoria PD have changed to DMR making the scanner obsolete.

### **Old Business:**

The Boy Scouts Cub-O-Ree is October 16th. The set up will be Friday night. If people want to they could operate the radios overnight, then have a round robin training in the day time. Nothing has been done on the special call sign because we are not sure what frequency will be used.

### **New Business:**

We have one radio on loan to Dylan Warren-W8DYL. The St. Patrick's day run went. New ham Ben Krieger-KE8QZM sent his application for a call sign by regular mail to ARRL and it took three weeks for it to appear on the website. After the last VE session Dan Rinaman-AC8NP elected to send the info overnight and knew they had received it by Friday 10:30 am and by 2:00 pm Monday the call signs were online. We can now do this online. VE's will need to take some training.

### **FIELD DAY:**

Michael Mastro-KD8QDL said there have been two meetings already for Field Day. Denny Wilkinson-KD8TLL has secured Hedges Boyer park and shelters for our event. Michael Klais-KC8BUJ is working on power issues. Denny Wilkinson-KD8TLL talked to Rob Chappel of the Tiffin Fire Dept. to bring the Aerial truck to help put the antennas up. Zack will handle PR. Jeff Michel-KE8EKH is on Safety. John Walker-K8EMR would like people to come and try the SSB.

### **NVIS DAY:**

Dan Stahl-KC8PBU invited anyone who wanted to come Saturday the 24th at the Beech Shelter in Meadowbrook park. It is running from 10 am to 4 pm state wide. NVIS stands for Near Vertical Incidence Skywave. The signal goes straight up and almost straight back down. We can use it to talk locally on HF to talk to most of Ohio. Dan Stahl-KC8PBU will pick a day and email everyone for a Zoom meeting. Mark-Griffin-N8OHO remarked the idea is to set up antennas and see how they work. It can be used in emergencies like tornadoes or floods if regular communication is out. It's like a mini Field Day. We also need loggers.

### **What's Up With Contests:**

Dan Rinaman-AC8NP told us about all the contests coming up. You can find all the dates and times on W8ID.

Texas State Parks on the Air Friday and Saturday They set up in state parks and try to contact other state parks  
Michigan QSO Party Anyone Not in Michigan tries to contact anyone in Michigan.  
Digital Health Sprint  
Ontario QSO Party  
ARRL Rookie Roundup Sideband on the 18th

Mark-Griffin-N8OHO commented that State Parks contests are going on all the time. Just ask Alexia "Open Parks on the Air" and she will give you the Frequency and Call Sign.

Dan Rinaman-AC8NP said Mike Martien-WA8BTT has given him a list of equipment he is looking to get rid of. He wants just \$150.00 for all of it.

Motion to adjourn was made by Gary Magers-KD8LLS and seconded by Mark-Griffin-N8OHO. Motion passed.  
Respectfully submitted,

Debora Wilkinson-KD8UGC  
Recording Secretary

Michael Mastro-KD8QDL  
Secretary Treasurer