



**MINUTES OF THE MAY10th 2021
MEETING OF THE
SENECA RADIO CLUB**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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, Michael Klaiiss-KC8BUJ, Michael Mastro-KD8QDL, Deb Wilkinson-KD8UGC, Denny Wilkinson-KD8TLL, John Walker-K8EMR, Jeff Pottinger-WB8REI, Mark Baum-KD8PZL,

Joy Bunting-KE8ODJ, Shannon Bunting-W8SPB, Kevin Goshe-AD8F, Gary Magers-KD8LLS, Scott Edmondson-W8IES, Greg Flechtner-WJ8Y, Beth Souder-KE8EKG, Jeff Michel-KE8EKH, Nicholas Portentoso-KE8JNM, Ron Krupp-K8RUP,

Mike Montgomery-KE8RSH, DJ Leary-KE8ROV, Andrew Duffy-KE8JJJ

Minutes of the Meeting Held on April 12th, 2021:

Corrections: Dan Stahl-KC8PBU asked for a correction in the Repeater section that Tiffin PD, Sheriff Office, and Fostoria PD have all NOT changed to DMR. Fostoria PD is the only one who has.

A motion was made by Dan Stahl-KC8PBU to approve the minutes. Shannon Bunting-W8SPB 2nd Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Michael Mastro-KD8QDL reported in comparing last year to this year on the Profit/Loss. Last year we were positive \$244.00 this year we are at \$729.00. The reason for the increase is members shifting to Life Membership and new members. On the Balance sheet Total Current Assets \$1,712.67 is all cash. Under Unrestricted Net Assets last year there was a loss of -\$227.22 and add under the change column \$317.00 our net is now \$89.78. Our capital is what we are judged on the 501C3. In talking with the IRS Michael Mastro-KD8QDL is going to explain we are still trying to build capital and with just the \$89.78 it didn't make sense to do anything. John Walker-K8EMR asked if there was any way to depreciate the equipment through sale. Michael Mastro-KD8QDL explained there are ways to reduce. We could have taken a Section 179. We chose not to do that. There is also MACRS Modified Accounting Cost Recovery System that the IRS uses. Or we could take a big write down and take it to the bottom and lose money. If we want to go to the easier tax form we would have to send \$500.00. Michael Mastro-KD8QDL spent 2 hours talking to three different people from the IRA. Michael Mastro-KD8QDL would rather fill out the 19 page form for two years till we decide what we want to do. John Walker-K8EMR asked if we can pick and choose what to depreciate. Answer yes. John Walker-K8EMR wondered if we have stuff that is good to sell, sell it, if it doesn't work get rid of it.

A motion was made by Shannon Bunting-W8SPB to approve the Treasurer's Report and John Walker-K8EMR 2nd. Motion Passed.

Membership:

At the last meeting Ron Krupp-K8RUP, paid dues for Ron Krupp-K8RUP, and Tim Krupp-KD8UGJ but per our constitution it was past the deadline. A vote is needed to reinstate them. Denny Wilkinson-KD8TLL made a motion to vote on Ron Krupp-K8RUP, and Tim Krupp-KD8UGJ as members. Mark Baum-KD8PZL 2nd. Motion passed.

The club has received a couple of requests for memberships. The first one is John MC Laughlin-KC8FCE from Rising Sun. Scott Edmondson-W8IES made a motion to accept John MC Laughlin-KC8FCE as a member. Gary Magers-KD8LLS 2nd Motion passed. The second one is Kyle Grathwol-KE8ROW from Sandusky. Joy Bunting-KE8ODJ made a motion to accept Kyle Grathwol-KE8ROW as a LIFE member. Jeff Michel-KE8EKH 2nd. Motion passed.

Dana Eblin-KE8IXJ would like to rejoin. Michael Klaiss-KC8BUJ made a motion to accept Dana Eblin-KE8IXJ Mark Baum-KD8PZL 2nd Motion passed.

Dan Rinaman-AC8NP presented to the club a description of a member who joined us in 2016. This man is a very caring and giving person. He has done a lot to advance our club. In order to show our appreciation a collection was taken up to give Michael Mastro-KD8QDL Life Membership in the Seneca Radio Club.

Beth Souder-KE8EKG made a motion to give Life Membership to Michael Mastro-KD8QDL. Denny Wilkinson-KD8TLL 2nd. Motion passed

Equipment Committee:

Gary Magers-KD8LLSL has asked for help to evaluate and revalue the equipment. John Walker-K8EMR volunteered

Repeater Committee:

Greg Flechtner-WJ8Y stated everything is ok. Dan Stahl-KC8PBU remarked that you need 107.2 on both sides, receive and transmit. If you don't you will get a digital burst on the Fusion side.

Old Business:

The Boy Scouts Cub-O-Ree is October 16th.

NVIS day:

Dan Stahl-KC8PBU reported NVIS day was a success. It was held in the Beech Shelter at Meadowbrook Park. Multiple antennas were set up. Deb Wilkinson-KD8UGC, Denny Wilkinson-KD8TLL worked HF for the first time. Mark Griffin-N8OHO set up a Dual band 40 meter 80 meter apex 15 ft. Franklin Doan-KA8LKN cooked hot dogs. Everyone had a lot of fun.

FIELD DAY:

Michael Mastro-KD8QDL said there have been two or three meetings already for Field Day. Michael Mastro-KD8QDL would like to have another meeting next Tuesday the 18th at 11:00 Power is lined up. Michael Klaiss-KC8BUJ is helping with that. Food is somewhat organized. Denny Wilkinson-KD8TLL has the location worked out and fire trucks coming to help put up antennas. We are still working on equipment. We will be using the ICOM 7610's plus the 7600. Please bring your own radios if you want. Dan Stahl-KC8PBU mentioned if we would want to do Field Day next year at Meadowbrook

we would need to give whoever had it last year first choice then we could claim it. 10 days after the event passes we would need to make a request for as many shelters as we would want. It was mentioned about the camping trailers being too close. That would not be the case. Jeff Pottinger-WB8REI brought up the fact that it is advisable to be spaced out a little bit so as to not have interference.

New Business:

Dan Rinaman-AC8NP brought up Groups.IO. It is an email list service. With our group increasing the way it is we have a lot of members with different ideas, levels of knowledge, and interests. A person can send an email with a question and it will go to everyone on the list. They will be able to receive back from anyone on the list an answer or suggestion. To get there it is SRC-Ohio@Groups.IO You can adjust how often you want to receive the emails.

There are 7-9 people interested in a technician class. With it being the start of summer, do we want to wait or do it now? There is a different way of doing a class. You can have them get the book and have them study it. It was suggested maybe start early fall.

Next months meeting we will have Valerie NV9L talking to us about contesting and emergency help. She was one of the 50 Radio operators that went to Puerto Rico to help them.

Dan Rinaman-AC8NP received a call from "Terry" she is Tim Duffy's shadow. Tim Duffy said he will do a Zoom meeting with the club in September. He will be talking about Grounding and Bonding. Tim Duffy is the CEO of DX Engineering. Just over the border into Pennsylvania if you take the turnpike you will see his towers. He has a contest station. He has 11 ICOM radios that cost at least \$5000.00 each in his basement.

Dan Rinaman-AC8NP has a presentation from May 6th. The FCC rules have changed on RF exposure. The antennas we use put out RF energy. We used to be exempt under certain conditions but now we have to do an exposure test. We are going to watch a YouTube presentation from Mia M2RJ explaining the change.

Motion to adjourn was made by Shannon Bunting-W8SPB and seconded by Greg Flechtner-WJ8Y. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Debora Wilkinson-KD8UGC
Recording Secretary

Michael Mastro-KD8QDL
Secretary Treasurer