

Minutes of March QCWA Chapter 212 Meeting April 18, 2004

Meeting called to order by Fritz Tender, WD8E, at 1407 hours at the Lancaster Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club clubhouse on Granville Pike (State Route 37) opposite the Lancaster branch of Ohio University.

Present:

Fritz Tender	WD8E
Phil Carter	WD8QWR
John Tipka	W8UL
Dave Schwertfager	N8EFB
Leonard Schultz	W8DDG
Barrie Schultz	W3ENL
Ralph Winkler	WD8BBE
Harry Vollmer	W8LCX
Rick Schleiffer	W9ZZX

Minutes from meeting of March 21, 2004 read by W8UL.

Dave Schwertfager indicated correction to minutes to reflect that a separate web page was not created to list the chapter membership. Instead, the main (opening) page lists the membership and also identifies charter members with asterisks.

Minutes approved with the above change by unanimous vote.

President's report: None
Treasurer's Report: None
Committee Reports: None

Unfinished business:

1. Website: Dave Schwertfager, N8EFB

Dave, N8EFB, reported the chapter website contains meeting notices hyperlinked to other references within the website. Site will contain listing of meeting dates, and where possible, their locations. Website will display the minutes of the most recent chapter meetings. Past meetings will be archived and available through hyperlinks. A Chapter Awards page will be updated to reflect material submitted to the National QCWA for inclusion in the QCWA Journal.

Future reports by Dave Schwertfager on the local website will be covered in Committee Reports.

2. Repeater net:

Net meeting to have been held on April 8, 2004 at 2000 hours EDT on 146.76 PL123.0 repeater did not occur due to lack of participation by the membership.

Question previously tabled: Could repeater net meetings obviate need for some face-to-face meetings?

Resolved that face-to-face meetings will be held at quarterly intervals.

Several on-air meetings will be used as an experiment to fully answer the question above.

On-the-air meeting time changed from 2000 hours local time to 2030 hours local time.

On-the-air meetings and discussions for Calendar Year 2004 scheduled as follows:

FM repeater 146.76 MHz PL 123.0 Hz at 2030 hours Eastern Time

May 13

June 10

July 8

August 12

September 9

October 14

November 11

December 9

3. Badges: Chapter badges distributed.

4. May meeting at OSU Radio Club, W8LT:

Meeting has been cancelled.

Fritz Tender to try to obtain additional information on status of a future meeting with The Ohio State University Amateur Radio Club.

5. Meeting time:

Tabled question from previous meeting:

Why are meetings held on Sundays in the middle of the afternoon?

Change to four face-to-face meetings annually greatly reduces the chances of interruption to weekend amateur radio contesting operations.

6. Future meetings:

Tabled question from previous meeting.

Is hiatus in scheduled meetings advisable for the months of June, July, and August?

Discussion resulting in unanimous agreement to suspend face-to-face meetings until September 2004.

7. Program chairman:

Leonard Schultz, W8DDG, agreed to assume the duties of Program Chairman. W8DDG to be assisted by the Chapter membership as needed.

He will check with Bill Carpenter, AA8EY, for availability on September 19 to present a showcase of old telegraph keys.

New business:

Membership Drive:

Participation at local hamfests – Franklin County, Voice of Aladdin, etc.
Literature and applications to join placed at Universal Radio in Reynoldsburg.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1545 hours EDT.

Minutes recorded by John Tipka, W8UL