

Minutes of Meeting:

Ohio Single SideBand Net Annual Meeting. 4 August 2018. 11:00 AM Aladdin Shrine Center, Grove City, Ohio

Minutes taken by Cheryl Cook, KC8TDU

11:00 AM Pledge of Allegiance

11:02 Net Manager KC8WH opened meeting. Sign in sheet passed. There were twenty members and guests present.

11:04 Moment of silence for Silent Keys since last meeting; There were three;

KB8DUX, Tom Miller

WB8AWM, Jim Sharrett

KR5N, Marc Leatham

11:05 Shriners chose our meeting to present John Lehman WA8MHO with an Aladdin Shrine Meritorious Service Award for lifetime achievement in emergency communications, traffic handling and his involvement in the Eye Bank Net from its inception. John and his family were greatly moved by this award.

11:15 Flower Fund Report. The Flower Fund stood at \$275.00. We passed the hat to help replenish the Flower Fund.

11:15 Old Business:

We talked about the use of 1.888 MHz on 160 meters and the use of remote stations during the winter months when 75 meters goes long during the 6:45 net.

The pros and cons of each were discussed.

11:18 New Business;

There has been a lack of participation from West Virginia during 8RN cycle two. Traffic sent to West Virginia via 8RN from our 10:30 net has been coming back to be resent to 8RN cycle Four. It was discussed just holding our West Virginia traffic until our 4:15 Net to cut down on "churn".

Stations doubling with Net Control was discussed. It was noted that we aren't moving and reacting as quickly as we used to so stations should hesitate before keying up to give those who are searching for the word they want to use a chance to find it. Longer pauses between transmissions please.

It was also noted that callsigns are getting garbled by NCS. Stations should take their time and be sure they have the call sign correct.

When sending traffic, unkey once in a while in case the receiving station has lost you. Also, when you say 'break' and pause, pause long enough for the receiving station to ask for a fill. Reference the above line about us getting older and not reacting as fast as we used to.

At the end of the message, the sending station must remember to send "end 'end, more" or 'end, no more' to let the receiving station know what to expect 8RN CW rep on the 6:45 Net. Buckeye Net starts at the same time as our 6:45 net. The CW operators will be on the Buckeye Net for the first seven or ten minutes of our net. If you do not get a CW rep right away, move on with your call up. Call again for a CW rep at about 6:55. You should get one then.

It was suggested we have a third meeting during the year. It was pointed out that this would require revisions to our By-Laws. It was also noted that we have several informal get togethers at various sections of the State during the year. We try to meet at a hamfest and get together for a meal and fellowship afterwards. Please try to join us.

It was stressed that phonetics should be used for callsigns. Also, complete callsigns should be used when checking in and acknowledging stations.

Each net should be operated as if it really was an emergency. We do what we practice.

Keep the noise down, keep it professional.

11:31 Garlock Award;

This year we had two awards. One was awarded to Bob Zimmerman W8OLO (sk) for his dedication and work during the first half of the year.

The living Garlock Award winner was John Lehman K8PJ. Who joined the net at age 16 forty years age and checked into the net and passed his first radiogram on the net from his father's car on the way home from the exam session.

11:45 Current events in traffic handling:

WA3EZN noted that he is not getting as much digital traffic as he used to. Radio Relay International's participation has been noted and they seem hostile towards NTS and the ARRL. OSSBN being an independent net that is affiliated with the NTS will continue to pass traffic to and receive traffic from all who handle traffic.

12:00 Conclusion of meeting. Thanks to Aladdin Shrine for the wonderful facilities.

We then adjourned to Five Guys for lunch.

Thanks all for coming and thanks Cheryl Cook KC8TDU for taking the minutes.
See you all on the net.

Mike Hayward KC8WH
OSSBN Net Manager