

Minutes for the semi-annual 2017 August 5. Meeting – Columbus Ohio Meeting

11:05

Call to order. Mike Hayward KC8WH

11:07

Pledge of Allegiance

11:09

Moment of Silence for silent keys; George Henzler, WB8HHZ and David Dobbs, N8DD

11:11

Flower Fund report; \$387.32 in fund. \$100.00 collected, \$100.00 spent on memorials.
\$60.00 collected. \$447.32 now in Flower Fund.

11:12

Thank you from K8PJ, Flower Fund Manager

Old Business;

11:14

8th Region Net has been moving in time frequency and band. It has settled on 1:45 and 3:45 PM local time and has settled on 7.235 Mhz. most of the time with 3.865 MHz used infrequently.

Net Manager mentioned that we need more participants to liaison with 8RN.

Group discussed plans on where to have lunch after the meeting and hamfest.

New Business

11:17

It was discussed whether net control stations are being too quick to ask new check-ins to send their data to the data base manager. It has been noted that some stations being asked to join are already on the roster. Net Controls are encouraged to check the roster for an unfamiliar callsign before beginning recruitment. It was suggested that we may be putting people off by asking for personal information when they first check into the net.

Training Officer will send an email to all Net Control Stations with procedures.

It was mentioned that in the past updates and additions to the roster were sent directly to the net control stations in addition to the roster and database updates.

Net Control stations are encouraged to direct new check-ins to the website for useful information.

11:27

Garlock Award; Last year's Garlock award winner John Lehman WA8MHO mentioned that this was the 50th year for the Garlock award. He mentioned that he had presented the award the first year to Garlock K8BYR. This year he was able to present the Fiftieth award to this year's recipient. Mike Hayward KC8WH

11:36

Thank you from Mike KC8WH

Discussion

11:39

Traffic passing; This fall's SET was discussed including discussion of Black Swan
ARES traffic nets were discussed and it was concluded that they were not trained very well.

New Technology was discussed regarding traffic handling. Vulnerability of new technologies was discussed. It was recommended to keep older tube type rigs operable and keep our generators exercised. Recommended reading was the books; One Second After and One Year After.

Advisory Board member's comments;

Pause after asking for check-ins or retuning stations to be sure to hear them all before continuing.

WB8SIQ made the motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Gayle K8KWG and Henry WD8Q

meeting was adjourned at 11:57

Thanks to Cheryl Cook KC8TDU, better half of Alan N7CEU for taking the minutes of the meeting.

Mike Hayward KC8WH

OSSBN Net Manager