

# **MINUTES OF THE SWARC BUSINESS MEETING:**

**Wednesday, 08/06/2025**

Meeting location: PLSJ Main Library, downtown Steubenville, OH.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

The meeting sign-in sheet showed 20 attendees.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and since there were no changes, the president decreed that they be accepted as read.

## **Reports:**

- Treasurer's report - Cash: \$880.00, Checking: \$3,909.42 Total: \$4,789.42 (Accepted as read).
- Membership stands at 53 paid members as of 8/6/2025.
- SWARC Net activity for the month of June:
  - Sunday Night Net – .06: 77; .94 FM: 63; .94 C4FM: 50; UHF: 61
  - Simplex Net (Saturday nights) – No report from WV8WVF for the month of July!
- A report on the success of the Biasi-Shuma 5K race in Toronto was made by WD8SAB & N8GD
- The July 19<sup>th</sup> POTA event was not successful due to poor band conditions – it was essentially canceled because of those poor conditions, even though operators were present.

## **Old Business:**

- The August Dinner Meeting location will be at Murray's Restaurant in the west end of Wintersville on 8/20/2025 (as decided by those in attendance at the 7/16/2025 Dinner Meeting).
- N8GD reported that the SWARC 2025 Field Day entry netted a higher score than the 2024 entry even though we had fewer contacts overall. This was due to the great number of FT-8 contacts which counted as 2 points each.
- The motion to purchase a new HF radio for the club was withdrawn by WA3C who made that motion originally. A new motion was made by N8GD to Sell the existing club equipment inventory for what we can get for the items at the HATFEST on September 28<sup>th</sup>, and then revisit the purchase of the HF radio in the future after we have obtained funds from that equipment sale.

## **New Business:**

- Presenters for Future After Meeting Presentations:

September – WA3C, Mike - Logbook of the World

Future Topics (TBD):

Meshtastic (mesh networks)  
CW Class  
Contests  
Coax Connectors & installation

- EchoLink is no longer available on the 147.060 WD8IJJ/Steubenville repeater. N8GD has taken that node off the air permanently and disposed of the computer on which it ran due to age and lack of use.
- An AllStar/EchoLink node is now on the W8CWO 146.940 repeater (courtesy of Mike Lamana, WA3O, in Weirton), as authorized on an experimental basis by N8GD, the W8CWO repeater trustee. The membership should vote if they want it to be permanent. A motion was made by N8GD: WA3O is to cease such operations on the .94 machine if and until he becomes a SWARC member, makes a presentation to the membership at a club business meeting on what AllStar (and EchoLink as well) is and does, after which the SWARC membership will vote to approve or deny future operation of those nodes by WA3O.
- A discussion was held on a replacement for the loss of the Hamshack Hotline VOIP system (to occur on 8/29). The use of "Hams over IP" was suggested as a viable replacement.
- WA3C made a brief presentation and produced a handout on preparing for Logbook of the World (LoTW). He explained what is needed by individual Hams to sign up for LoTW prior to his presentation on that subject at the September meeting.
- SWARC Calendar and Future Events:
  1. 8/16-18 – 10 GHz & Up – Round 1
  2. 8/16-17 – EME = 2.3 GHz & Up
  3. 8/17 – Rookie Roundup – RTTY
  4. 8/23 – Ohio QSO Party
  5. 9/6 – Ohio State Parks on the Air (OSPOTA)

- Additional New Business:

Marland Heights (Weirton, WV) 5K will be held on 8/8/2025 and volunteers are asked to muster at the Marland Heights Park by 5:00 PM.

August POTA event was voted to be on 8/16 at the Jefferson Lake State Park Horsemen's area.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:10 PM.

**After-Meeting Presentation:**

**Starlink – Presented by Anthony, NA2T**

Compiled 8/24/2025, by Gregory M. Day, (former) SWARC Secretary/Treasurer

(This is my FINAL Minutes Report due to my resignation on 8/23/2025).