

## MINUTES OF SWARC BUSINESS MEETING:

Wednesday October 1, 2025

Location: PLSJ Main Library, downtown Steubenville, Ohio

Called to Order at: 6:07pm

Presiding: Rick Shuster, WD8SAB  
President

18 members signed in.

Minutes of previous meeting accepted as read by President after no changes identified.

### REPORTS:

- Treasurer's Report – Cash: \$280.00, Checking: \$4509.04 Total: \$4789.42
- Membership – Unchanged at 53 members
- SWARC NET Activity – No reports received by President for September
- SWARC OSPOTA activity – WD8SAB submitted final summary of log.
- Susan Kresser 5K Run/Walk – Organizing Committee expressed appreciation of club participation. 9 club members worked the race. After brief discussion of concerns, it was proposed that SWARC develop a Standard of Operating Practice at all similar events, including races and parades.

### OLD BUSINESS

- 6 members attended the September 10<sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting. The location of the October Dinner Meeting will be Murrays' Restaurant in the west end of Wintersville on 10/15/2025
- Mike, Zilavy, WA3C, sold \$225 of club equipment. He reviewed the list of remaining equipment for club members.
- \$225 money from the sale was given to Anthony, NA2T, for deposit.
- WA3C will present "An Overview of Radio Sport (Contesting) in Amateur Radio" after the business meeting this evening.

### NEW BUSINESS

- The Executive Committee met to discuss changes with regard to the resignation of Greg Day, N8GD. The following persons have been asked to fill these positions, have accepted those positions, and appointed to serve until January 1, 2026 by the Executive Committee pending majority club member approval:
  - Secretary – Polly Givens, W8PIK
  - Treasurer – Anthony DeFallo, NA2T

- Technical Coordinator – Jon Burchfield, K8FAM
  - Call Sign Trustee – Brian Moss, KE8VWF
- The slate was put before the club members with majority approving of the appointments.
- Anthony, NA2T, has also agreed to serve as the Webmaster for SWARC.NET. He has discussed moving the website to a new web host platform. QwikHost, a managed web and email hosting service, will host our website for free. SWARC must pay to continue use of the domain name. It was recommended that NA2T select a small committee to oversee the website move with Jon Burchfield, K8FAM, overseeing their progress in his role of Tech Coordinator. Brian Moss, KE8VWF, offered to serve on the committee.
- Presenters at future TBD after-meeting educational programs include:
  - November – Coax Connections and Installation, Mike WA3C
  - Future topics suggested are Mesh Networks; CW Education; Contests; Building a 3-D Printed Anderson Power Pole Polarity Verification Device
- SWARC Calendar and Future Events:
  - 10/4-5 Collegiate QSO Party
  - 10/11-12 EME – 50 MHz – 1296 MHz
  - 10/18-19. POTA Support-Your-Park Event.  
<https://docs.pota.app/docs/events.html>
  - 10/18. SWARC will participate in POTA Support-Your-Parks at Jefferson Lake State Park horseman area (shelter) with a Pass-The-Mike event. Setup starts 0830 Dale Trout, N8KRO, moved to make the POTA event an official SWARC event. This was seconded by Chris Moodie, KF8AVX, and passed by members.
  - 10/25-26. SSB Worldwide DX Contest. <https://cqww.com>
  - 11/29-30. CW Worldwide DX Contest. <https://cqww.com>
  - Check the ARRL.org website for additional contests and events.  
<https://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>
- ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund campaign – club members encouraged to support our radio spectrum which has been under pressure from commercial concerns. If you are an ARRL member, you should be receiving a letter in the mail from them about this campaign.
- There is a bill before Congress regarding HOA restrictions. You can electronically submit a letter to your congressmen at [arrl.org/HOA](http://arrl.org/HOA). The ARRL website has additional information.
- Gary Rawson, KE8NMG, brought an anniversary to the club's attention. The 2026 Dayton Hamfest will be the 50<sup>th</sup> consecutive Hamfest attended by club member, Monte Pettengill, WD8IIJ. A motion was made by Gary, KE8NMG, to mark the event in some way. Paul Brandt, W8PAB, seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed by members. KE8NMG will chair the committee to make that happen.

Motion to adjourn made by Dale, N8KRO, and seconded by Jon Burchfield, K8FAM. Passed by members.

Meeting adjourned. Followed by an educational program given by Mike Zilavy, WA3C.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Givens

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