



Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance

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Minutes of the January 9, 2008 Meeting

- The meeting of the Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance was brought to order by President Richard Ranta K8JX at 7:30 P.M. There were ten members present. President Richie K8JX had us introduce ourselves.
- **Secretary Report** – Char WD8LGN read the December 12, 2007 secretary's report. There were no corrections. The motion to approve was made by Larry KC8KVR seconded Richie K8JX. It was accepted.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Jerry W8MSK read the treasurer's report. The balance from last report was \$1505.64. The income total was \$19.25. There were no expenses. We have an ending balance of 1524.89. The motion to approve the report was made by Peg seconded by Char WD8LGN. It was accepted.
- **Trustee--Technical Committee:** No issues at the moment.
- **Change in By-Laws:** President Rich K8JX reread the motion that Article 10A of the by-laws would be changed to read:
10 A. Monthly meetings must have a minimum of five (5) members, who must be in good standing with the club. Two (2) of the members must be board members.
The final vote was an approval. The change was made.
- The motion to destroy the ballots from election of officers was made by Richie K8JX. Motion to approve was made by Wayne KB8VOZ and 2nd by Peg. Approved.

Committee Reports

- **Great Lakes Award:** No report
- **Special Events:** Next Fox Hunt will be in June sometime.
- **Newsletter:** Rich K8JX said it will be out soon and there will be mention of the January 19, 2008 after Christmas Party both in the newsletter and on the web site
- **Web Master:** Rich K8JX reported no problems. We now need a new user name and password. It's taken care of.
- **Repeater Site:** Larry KC8KVR reported we have obtained the new 440 signal to shut off the repeater.
- **Bereavement:** Rich Douglas' brother Paul died and Jerry will send out a club card.
- **2-Meter Net Coordinator:** Bruce WD8KPQ asked for sign ups and got 3 for January.



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- **Alternative Fund Raising:** Larry KC8KVR suggested we set up a flea market table at the Hudsonville Swap.
- **Field Day:** Will be the last weekend of June 2008. Plan to be there.
- **Membership:** Paul K9BOJ should be contacted. He lives on 3 Mile Rd. between Fuller and Plainfield. We should continue to watch for call signs and report those we site to Mike K8OOK.

Old Business

- Our after Christmas dinner will be January 19th has 17 signed up to come so far. Marian and Peg will call some more people to be sure they know about it. We will have our white elephant prize exchange and some door prizes.
- **Ham of the Year:** Peg counted the secret ballots for the Ham of the Year. The winner is Rich K8JX.

New Business

- We want to change the wording of the By-Laws Section 11. which now reads: (11. Nominations for office will commence in October and be held open through the November meeting. After the November meeting, the Secretary shall within the (10) days mail absentee ballots to members of record. These ballots will be used for elections at the December meeting.) to eliminate the mailing of Ballots for elections. They should be available in the Newsletter and on line. Wording of the new version as proposed is:
 11. Nominations for office will commence in November and be held open through the December meeting. After the November meeting, The Secretary will include in the November issue of the club's Newsletter, "The Open-Feed-Line, a nomination and absentee ballot to all members of record. A member may request an absentee ballot from the secretary. Ballots should be signed on an attached stub which will be removed when the secretary verifies the voter is a current member. The ballots must be in the secretary's possession no later than 5:00PM of the day before December club meeting. A vote at the meeting will take place... These ballots will be used for elections at the December meeting.

The motion to adjourn was made by Wayne KB8VOZ and seconded by John NF8P. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:
Charlotte Reffeor, Secretary, MARA