

## **Minutes of the January 11, 2006 Meeting**

(The meeting was delayed while members renewed their club dues for 2006)

The meeting of the Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance was brought to order by President James Cordes KI8JD at 7:43PM. Jim had us introduce ourselves to each other.

**Secretary Report** – Richie Ranta gave the December 14, 2005 secretary's report. Jim asked if there were any additions or corrections: there were none. Carl WA8AAT made a motion to accept the report as given: Gaye White seconded. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Jerry Wittkoski gave the treasurer's report. As of January 11, 2006 we have a balance of \$2431.76. The Entertainment fund has \$280.00. President Jim asked if there were any corrections or additions to the report. There were none. Larry KC8KVR made a motion to accept the report. Rich K8JX seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Trustee's Report** –Everything is running smoothly.

### **Committee Reports.**

President Jim KI8JD went through the Mara Club Appointments for 2006.

**2-Meter Net Coordinator:** Left open at this time

**Bereavement Director:** Jerry W8MSk and Peg Dell's have been sharing this appointment. They will accept it for the next year.

**Newsletter Editor:** Jim Cordes KI8JD. Jim accepted the appointment for 2006.

**Club/Repeater Trustee:** Rich Ranta K8JX. Rich accepted the appointment for 2006.

**Club Photographer:** Carl WA8AAT accepted the appointment for 2006.

**Club Historian:** Rich K8JX accepted the appointment for 2006.

**Great Lakes Award:** Larry KC8KVR is willing to commit for 3 more months.

**Mara-Member of the Year:** Left open at this time.

**Ham of the Year:** Jim KI8JD & Rich K8JX. Both accepted the appointment for 2006.

**Web Site:** Rich K8JX. He accepted the appointment for 2006.

**Field Day Chairman:** Mike K8OOK has accepted the appointment for 2006.

**Operation Care Chairman:** Decided to leave open but may appointment a committee to operate it.

**Education Chairman:** Jim KI8JD. Jim will stay on as Education chairman.

**Races Liaison:** Left open at this time.

**Coldbrook Project:** completed.

**Membership Director:** Left open at this time.

**Resident Agent:** Need to ask current holder if he will accept the appointment.

**By-Laws Working Committee:** Rich K8JX will accept the appointment.

**Special Events:** Chris N6CWA will chair the event and Larry KC8KVR will Co-Chair it.

Larry shared with us that he is currently taking a Veteran, who had expressed an interest in getting a Ham license, to the Technician License Class GRARA is putting on, on Wednesday night.

Jim KI8JD made a motion to hold another Special Event at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. Wayne KB8VOZ seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Larry KC8KVR also wanted a nice letter, thanking the person at the GRHV's facility, for all they had done to make this event so special. ( i.e. provide food, tables, chairs, help)

Rich K8JX said he would get with both Larry and Chris on developing a special thank you letter.

This concluded the club appointments at this time. The actual committee reports follow.

**Bereavement** – Nothing to report.

**2 Meter Net Report.** Nothing to report

**Education-Newsletter:** Nothing to report. The last newsletter of 2005 is out and everybody should have received their copy by now.

**Great Lakes Award.** Larry wants to contact the person responsible for duplicating the submitted QSL's for their GLA. The submitter would like his QSL's back. Rich K8JX said he would contact the person and get back to Larry.

**Web Master:** Richie reported everything is going smoothly.

**Ham of the Year** Rich and Jim will be starting the Ham of the year award process this week. Larry wanted to know if he could nominate at this time. Jim said yes he could.

**MARA\_MOTY** Appointment is open

**Old Business** Jerry W8MSK wanted a few club volunteers to go over the clubs books just to check them out. Larry KC8KVR and Wayne KB8VOZ volunteered.

Larry wanted to know where the money for the postage for the Dinner should come from: the general fund or the entertainment fund. Wayne KB8VOZ made a motion that the postage come from the general fund. Gaye White seconded the motion. It passed.

Peg, who administers the 50/50, wanted to know what the balance is with tonight's funds. Jerry read off what the balance was for the years leading up to now. Jerry explained that the statement he read tonight doesn't cover any expenses or deposits that are made from tonight's meeting.

Peg also agreed to administer the 50/50 for 2006.

There was no further Old Business.

**New Business** Larry KC8KVR wanted to know what the age rate is for our club. He had thought that one of the members had paid too much. Jim read from page 2 of our newsletter, the dues rate for membership. The member had paid the right amount.

Rich K8JX shared that Lee W8ZP had donated a Laser printer to the club. This is a Minolta 2800 fax, laser printer, copier machine. We all gave Lee a round of applause.

Larry KC8KVR said we would need somebody to pick up the trailer for the Field Day Operation and Operation Care Coffee Stops. Larry will be out of state. They will have to pick it up at Ray's auto yard. Jim KI8JD said he could handle the pick up.

Princess Wayne (?) presented Jim with the official papers from the State of Michigan for the permits for the Operation Care Coffee Stops. Wayne said Jim is now officially in the thick of Operation Care Coffee stop.

We then had a discussion on if the Rest area will even be open. There seems to exist conflicting accounts on when the rest area will be completed.

There was no further New Business.

Lee W8ZP made a motion to adjourn,  
Louie N8ZVB 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion

The meeting ended at 8:32PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Ranta K8JX  
Secretary