



# Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance

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## Minutes of the January 11, 2007 Meeting

- The meeting of the Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance was brought to order by President Richard Ranta K8JX at 7:34 P.M. There were twelve members present. President Richie K8JX had us introduce ourselves.
- **Secretary Report** – Char WD8LGN gave the December 13, 2006 secretary's report. There were no corrections to the report. It was accepted as read.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Jerry W8MSK reported that we have a balance as of the December meeting of \$1964.36. With several deposits and payouts, we have a balance of \$1980.61. We have a balance of \$127.95 in the entertainment fund. There were no additions/corrections to the report. It was accepted as read.
- **Trustee--Technical Committee:** Rich K8JX said he has given up on changing the existing settings on the controller. He is planning to clear all settings and reprogram the controller as soon as weather permits. Otherwise, the repeater is doing great. The report was accepted as stated.

### Committee Reports

- **2-Meter Net Coordinator:** Bruce WD8KPK asked if more members would sign up. He passed around a sign up sheet and got several members to sign up.
- **Bereavement:** Nothing to report.
- **Newsletter:** Jim K18JD reported that the newsletter was sent out and he had a few returned ones due to address changes. He said the ARRL band plan chart didn't come out right on it so if we want a better copy we should go to the link on the website and print it there.
- **Great Lakes Award:** No report
- **West Michigan Ham of the Year:** Richie K8JX reported that in going through previous years nominations he found Sam Nabkey K8SN and Tom Hansen N8DGD as the highest number of votes after the winners. He suggested we consider them in the voting too. The member of the year dinner is currently scheduled for Feb. 10, 2007 the same night as our Mara Party.
- **Mara Member of the Year:** Dave Devos KF8QL was nominated by Carl WA8AAT.
- **Web:** Everything is fine. Richie put pictures of all officers and committee chairs.
- **Field Day:** Mike K8OOK stated that Field Day will be June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2007.
- **Education:** No report
- **Membership Report-** Mike K8OOK said there is nothing new.
- **Resident Agent:** Dan Markowski N8NIJ agreed to be Resident Agent for another year.
- **Repeater:** Rich K8JX said Larry KC8KVR wants to put a sealer on the repeater. This should cure some problems.
- **Special Event Report:** Nothing new. Chris KC8MIL declined to continue as Co-chair for this event.
- **Fund Raising:** No report

### Old Business

- On the subject of the Operation Cares, Wayne KB8VOZ has called the State Engineer about moving the trailer site.
- Chris KC8MIL brought the QSL cards for the Veterans Day Special Events Station. Members who had contacts took some to reply to those they received.
- There was no further Old Business.



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## New Business

- Richie K8JX read a motion from Larry requesting that all members over 70 be offered free membership. Upon voting it was decided that we'd keep the dues at \$5.00.
- We had general discussion about the Ham of the Year award and question whether there is enough interest to keep doing it. The nomination for Dave Devos N8DGD was not seconded. There followed discussion as to our desire to continue the award. Perhaps we will only do so as we have nominations for someone. For the present it remains the same.
- The motion was made by Dan Markowski N8NIJ made a motion that a letter be sent out forthwith to the LARC and GRARA clubs and ask if they are interested in continuing with the award. The motion was made by Wayne KB8VOZ to approve, seconded by Dan N8NIJ. The membership approved.
- Chris KC8MIL suggested that we drop the Mara member of the Year Award for lack of interest. The idea had been tabled by Jim KI8JD at a pervious meeting. He untabled his motion. Mike K8OOK made a motion to drop the award but the motion was not seconded. Dan N8NIJ made the motion to reinstate the award with all present rules to apply. It was seconded by Richie K8JX. The membership approved.
- Wayne KB8VOZ asked if we should drop Operation Care because there seemed to be a lack of interest in working it and the income was nominal. Dan N8DGD felt we need to seriously consider this because once we loose it, it is gone. After general discussion no decision was reached.
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- Motion to adjourn was made by Jim KI8JD.
- Carl WA8AAT seconded the motion.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Charlotte Reffeor  
Secretary MARA