

The following are the tentative minutes of the January MARA meeting subject to correction and/or approval at the next meeting.

The January 11th, 2012 MARA meeting was called to order at 7:30PM

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to approve by Barton, 2nd by Jerry, passed

Treasurer's Report:

No change, balance remains \$1985.15. Jerry explained expenditures list on December's minutes. \$120 for repeater site rental, \$20. for Michigan State annual report. Jerry created and we discussed a 2012 budget. Steepleton Bldg is raising their rent 140%. Jerry will try to meet with them for a possible reduction or maybe a flat rate per use with some meetings doubling with other club events. HOTY will be stricken from the budget, also we could cancel the Post Office Box and have mail sent to the Treasurer's home address. Motion to approve by Richard, 2nd by Mike, passed.

Trustee's Report:

Richard renewed the repeater's technical data sheet for another 2 years and also notified the ARRL of our new board.

Committee Reports:

Great Lake Award: none

Special Events: none

Newsletter: by Feb

Webmaster: Barton's picture is added to the website

Beavement: Larry's son-in-law passed away recently

2 meter Net: We now have 4 regular NCSs

Field Day: none

Fund Raising: Burger nite is March 23rd

Old Business:

Jerry made a motion and 2nd by Richard to change our banking to the Lake Michigan Credit Union, passed.

Mike made a suggestion to change the MARA Xmas Dinner to February 4 so as to not conflict with the New Hams Dinner if the 4th was still available. Motion to approve by Richard, 2nd by Mike, passed.

(secretary's note--because of previously unknown information, an " unofficial" vote was taken at the Jan 14th breakfast at the Golden Corral . Present were 4 of members that at the previous meeting, voted to change to Feb 4 and another 2 paid members. We, in a unanimous decision, decided that Feb 11th would be a better date for our club members. K8OOK, N8IPG and Marian Dowling met with Mike Brann in person and apologized for our in-decision and the dinner is back on for the 11th of Feb. RSVPs please for seating)

New Business:

We want to think about new club meeting place if we can't strike up a deal with Steepleton Bldg.

Barton brought up the fact that the Website, beyond the home page, can not be opened by i-pods, and other devices. Barton advised Richard as to how that may be changed.

Barton also said that Waycomm is only on Windows 2000. Anything we can do to update that. Richard said that it is a free service but will check.

Mike made a motion and 2nd by Barton to adjourn at 8:10 PM

Submitted by Mike K8OOK, MARA secretary