

## Minutes of the February 8, 2006 Meeting

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 January 11<sup>th</sup> 2006 secretary's report. Jim asked if there were any additions or corrections: there were none. Larry KC8KVR 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 February 8, 2006 we have a balance of \$2104.26. The Entertainment fund has \$17.50. 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. Louie N8ZVB seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Trustee's Report** –Everything is running smoothly. As soon as the weather gets a little warmer, we have some changes to make on the controller.

### Committee Reports.

Wayne KB8VOZ accepted the appointment as Mara Member of the Year award chairman and will also oversee the plaques that acknowledge the contributions that have been made to our Operation Care Coffee Stop.

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

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

**Membership Director:** Mike K8OOK as accepted the appointment.

**Great Lakes Award:** Larry KC8KVR has issued #258 to N9YPN.

**Special Events:** Chris N6CWA has already received information about our next Veterans event. Larry KC8KVR said the event will be on November 11, 2006, a Saturday and we will be using the NCO Clubs room. We will be allowed to set up on Friday.

**Field Day Chairman:** Mike K8OOK told everybody to be ready for this year's event..

**Old Business** Jerry W8MSK said Larry KC8KVR and Wayne KB8VOZ haven't had the time to go over the books yet.

Larry KC8KVR said our past Christmas Dinner was a tremendous success. All of the members said they had a super time.

Larry KC8KVR passed around a book he has put together with the various QSL cards from the GR Home for Veterans special event. He would like to give it to the facility as a memento of the event.

Jim K18JD had Newsletter bills to turn in. \$151.00 worth. Wayne KB8VOZ made a motion to pay them, seconded by Larry KC8KVR. The motion passed. Larry KC8KVR did suggest that the bills be turned in within 30 days or so, just to make things easier on our treasures'.

Jim read an offer from the ARRL regarding pamphlet's and display kits. Bruce WD8KPQ made a motion to purchase one of the \$6.50 kits, so we can look at it. Gayne White seconded the motion. The motion passed.

There was no further Old Business.

## **New Business**

Larry KC8KVR said that the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans will be having a Carnival day, where the residents can get out and see exhibits that are put up for their benefit. This will operate from 11AM to 4PM. This would be a great opportunity for us to put up a table and help out our veterans. We have till about the April club meeting to decide.

Jim read from a Ham swap flyer he had received. The Toledo ARC and another one from the Marshall ARC swap.

Jerry W8MSK said both Louie and Gayne contribute a lot of time to the operation care coffee stop. He then made a motion to have the club pay for their membership for the year 2006. There was discussion on how long the motion should be for, but one year was decided on. Rich K8JX seconded the motion. It passed.

Jim then shared with the club the results of the Ham of the Year award nominations. One person had received the most nominations: Joe Bell WD8USA. Jim asked if the club accepted this selection: they did. Jim then showed the HOTY plaque to everybody. This will be awarded at the New Hams Dinner.

Larry KC8KVR wondered if there was going to be a New Hams Dinner. Rich K8JX said he had contacted Jack NY8D and he had provided the information. Rich checked just before this meeting and was concerned that none of the other clubs seem to have mentioned it. Rich will check again and make announcements on the various nets.

Jim then read the letter that had been composed thanking the GRHV and Jan, in particular. It was thought that we should all sign it.

Rich K8JX mentioned that Chris KC8MIL (note new call) had discovered that the state of Michigan is using a new form for the Amateur Radio Call sign plates. Rich will put it up as soon as he gets the form.

There was no further New Business.

Gayne made a motion to adjourn,  
Marian seconded the motion

The meeting ended at 8:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Ranta K8JX  
Secretary