



Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance

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Minutes of the February 11, 2009 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 eleven members present. President Richie K8JX had us introduce ourselves.
- **Secretary Report** – Char WD8LGN read the December 10, 2008 secretary's report. There was one correction. The motion to approve was made by Wayne KB8VOZ seconded Jerry W8MSK. Approved.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Jerry W8MSK read the treasurer's report. We had an opening balance of \$1,949.32 and an ending balance of \$2001.28. Char WD8LGN made motion to approve and Richie K8JX seconded, approved.

Committee Reports

- **The following Committees have nothing new. Great Lakes Award, Special Events , Alternative Fund Raising, , Operation Care, Repeater Site.**
- **Bereavement:** Card sent to Ed he's 90 years old now.
- **Newsletter:** Send articles to maranews@sbc.com . We had 100 (42 cent stamps) donated anonymously.
- **Two Meter Net:** Bruce WD8KPQ lined up NCS for upcoming weeks.
- **Field Day:** Mike K8OOK said to mark the last full weekend of June on our calendars.
- **Membership:** Mike K8OOK announced KC8TVY Tom Lang is our newest member.

Old Business

Thank you to Nancy, Marian and Peg for all their efforts for the after Christmas Party. It was great fun.

New Hams Dinner is Saturday, February 21, 2009 at Fire Mountain at 2 PM.

Our Ham of the year is Tom Hansen.

Bruce read the By-Law change regarding Newsletters to amend Article 9-B. It reads as follows:

The MARA newsletter shall be delivered by being posted on the MARA website. The only exception shall be for MARA MEMBERS WHO DO NOT HAVE E-MAIL SERVICE. Mail delivery of a hard copy shall be provided for those members only.

It was voted on and the first reading was approved.



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Larry KC8KVR has a list of complaints for discussion. General discussion followed. Rich K8JX will prepare for newsletter. Jerry W8MSK will prepare an expense report for next meeting.

New Business

We discussed and decided to drop Operation Care by vote.

A list of members with dues paid to date is: Rich KC8NKA and Joyce KD8EMI Douglas; Bruce WD8KPQ and Char WD8LGN Reffeor; Thomas Lane KC8TBY; Wayne KB8VOZ and Marian Dowling; Jerry Wittkoski W8MSK; Mike K8OOK and Nancy N8IPG Eilers; Dan Markowski N8NIJ; John Visser NF8P; William KC8PI and Helen KB8WJW; Larry KC8KVR and Peg Dells; Roman Downer N4SC.

We discussed fixing or selling the trailer and plan to decide before next meeting.

We plan to have another Spaghetti Dinner in April. Next month Dan will be present to help us plan.

There was no other new business.

The motion to adjourn was made by Jerry W8MSK and seconded by Peg. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:
Charlotte Reffeor, Secretary, MARA