



Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance

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Minutes of the February 13, 2008 Meeting

- The meeting of the Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance was brought to order by President Richard Ranta K8JX at 7:35 P.M. There were eleven members present. President Richie K8JX had us introduce ourselves.
- **Secretary Report** – Char WD8LGN read the January 9, 2008 secretary's report. There was one correction. The motion to approve was made by Wayne KB8VOZ seconded Richie K8JX. It was accepted.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Jerry W8MSK read the treasurer's report. The balance from last report was \$1524.89. The income and expenses netted \$55.00. We have an ending balance of \$1469.89. The motion to approve the report was made by Larry KC8KVR seconded by Char WD8LGN. It was accepted.
- **Trustee--Technical Committee:** Nothing.

Committee Reports

- **Great Lakes Award:** Larry KC8KVR sent out Award #277 to VE3HUR Donald Stalkowski
1240 YORK ST
LONDON, ON N5W 2V2
CANADA for 20,30 and 80 meters.
- **Special Events:** None
- **Newsletter:** Rich K8JX said the newsletter went out today.
- **Web Master:** Rich K8JX reported no problems.
- **Repeater Site:** There was a carrier on Carl the other day otherwise everything is fine.
- **Bereavement:** None
- **2-Meter Net Coordinator:** Everything is fine.
- **Alternative Fund Raising:** None.
- **Operation Care:** The application was sent out. We will need to change our parking spot as soon as the permit comes and we know the engineer in charge's name. Richie K8JX will take care of it.
- **Field Day:** Will be the last weekend of June 2008. Plan to be there.
- **Membership:** OK.

Old Business

- **Annual After Christmas Dinner:** Thanks to Marion, Peg and Nancy N8IPG for a fun filled evening.



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- **New Ham Dinner:** There was general discussion about the other clubs paying for the new members meal. They have not been doing so. There has been no contact in 3 years.
- **Ham of the Year:** There was general discussion about other clubs helping with expenses. They have not for 2 years. We decided to continue with the plaque but stop giving the \$100 gift certificate next year.
- The new wording of the revision of Article 11 of the By-Laws follows as proposed. This is the second reading of said change.
- Nominations for office will commence in November and be held open through the December meeting. After the November meeting, The Secretary will include in the November issue of the club's Newsletter, "The Open-Feed-Line, a nomination and absentee ballot to all members of record. A member may request an absentee ballot from the secretary. Ballots should be signed on an attached stub which will be removed when the secretary assures the voter is a current member. The ballots must be in the secretary's possession no later than 5:00PM of the day before December club meeting. A vote at the meeting will take place... These ballots will be used for elections at the December meeting.
- Bruce WD8KPQ suggested we drop the \$5.00 dues for seniors over 70 with a grandfather clause for present members who are now over 70. Any members reaching 70 from now on will pay the \$20 dues. There was a majority vote to remove Article 9E from the By-Laws. Which reads as follows: 9E. Persons 70 years or older shall pay \$5.00 per year for membership, due on January 1st.

New Business

- Dan N8NIJ stated we must also have fund raisers to keep the club going. He offered the use of the 5th St. Hall for a money raising meal. It could be breakfast or dinner. We will plan to do so for next fall and let Dan know the date we choose ahead of time so he can make arrangements.
- Larry KC8KVR suggested we pay for our own breakfast on Sunday of field day.

The motion to adjourn was made by Wayne KB8VOZ and seconded by Jerry W8MSK. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:
Charlotte Reffeor, Secretary, MARA