

Minutes of the March 8, 2006 Meeting

The meeting of the Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance was brought to order by President James Cordes KI8JD at 7:39PM. Jim had us introduce ourselves to each other.

Secretary Report – Richie Ranta gave the February 8,th 2006 secretary's report. Larry KC8KVR made a motion to accept the report as given: Lee W8ZP seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Jerry Wittkoski gave the treasurer's report. As of March 8, 2006 we have a balance of \$1951.86. The Entertainment fund has \$17.50. There were none. Rich K8JX made a motion to accept the report as given. Larry KC8KVR seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Trustee's Report –Everything is ok.

Committee Reports.

2-Meter Net Coordinator: Left open at this time

Races Liaison: Left open at this time.

Great Lakes Award: Larry KC8KVR nothing to report..

Special Events: nothing to report.

Field Day Chairman: No report.

Resident Agent: Jim asked Dan N8NIJ if he would be the resident agent for the coming year. He agreed.

Old Business Larry KC8KVR said he was going to purchase the ARRL kits himself. They're \$3.50 each, and each has material for Boy scouts and Girls Scouts. Lee W8ZP wanted to know what exactly was in the kits, what kind of material. Larry will bring it to next months meeting. Larry wanted to know if we could give them out during Operation Coffee Stop. Jim KI8JD read from the State of Michigan's' guide lines for permissible literature that can be passed out during Operation Care. "It has to be about tourism or maps". Dan did mention that these guide lines were old.

Jim KI8JD wanted to know if Jerry W8MSK was reimbursed for last summers Field Day 2005 food supplies. Jerry W8MSK couldn't find the recipes from Meijer. Jerry said he thought it was \$94.85. Larry KC8KVR made a motion to pay Jerry \$95.00 for the supplies. Lee W8ZP seconded the motion.

We voted: it passed.

Jim asked the secretary if the ARRL had been updated to year 2006. Rich K8JX said he had done it twice so far this year, but they were having problems with two strange phone numbers displaying. Rich will check it out.

Jim wanted to know if Gale N8GS had been paid for the gas for the generator we used during Field Day 2005. Jerry couldn't find the check, so the secretary will contact gale and ask him if he had been reimbursed.

Jim asked if the rent for the room we're using had been paid up to date. It hadn't. Carl WA8AAT made a motion to pay the church. Rich K8JX seconded the motion to pay the church \$100.00. It passed with no discussion.

Peg Dell made a motion to purchase a can of coffee for our use at the meeting. Char WD8LGN seconded the motion. It passed without discussion.

Jim asked if the repeater site rent had been paid for this year. Jerry said he'd check into it.

Jim asked about the liability insurance. Jerry said it is paid up for the year.

Jim mentioned that there is new scanner law becoming law. There will be more on this as soon as the secretary can download it from the state of Michigan.

Jim wanted to know if there was anything new on the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. Larry KC8KVR said he thought we had till April's meeting to decide if we wanted to set up a table.

Larry thought the date was July 7, 2006. He'll check on that later.

Jim then asked if anybody wanted any flyers on the ham swaps coming up.

Jim asked if the letter to the GRHV had been sent. Larry said he didn't know, but Rich K8JX said he had forwarded it onto Chris KC8MIL for his signature.

There was no further Old Business.

New Business

Jim KI8JD said that Wayne KB8VOZ would like to start completing the plaques and two appreciation plaques for the businesses that have contributed to operation Care Coffee Stop.

Rich K8JX made a motion to set a ceiling on the amount, but a general discussion pursued on how we should spend and how many plaques.

Jim said he felt he didn't need one. He was ok without.

Rich then made the following motion, 'That we spent no more than \$200.00 on the Ham of the year plaques.' Jerry W8MSK said he really didn't think we should do this, since it is going backwards. Dan N8NIJ agreed with Jerry.

Rich K8JX pointed out that it would show the ham community that we're consistent with the award.

We voted. 3 yea 6 nay. The motion failed.

Jim then asked Rich K8JX if he would make the second motion regarding the plaques for the businesses. Rich K8JX made a motion to spend no more than \$80.00 on the two appreciation plaques for the two companies. The motion was seconded by Larry KC8KVR. The motion passed.

Larry asked if our repeater could be used for the Fifth / Third River Bank run. Dan N8NIJ made a motion that we allow KCESS to use our repeater for the race, but to ask us about other uses".

Jerry W8MSK seconded the motion.

It passed.

Carl WA8AAT then shared with us what the Sky Warn training shop was like. We then had an informal chat around server weather.

Rich K8JX then said that Harold Allen, KB8MNI, had passed away two weeks ago.

Rich had already signed the guest book, but the notice had been removed from the Press's web site. Rich will forward the address of Harold's son to Jerry so Jerry can send a sympathy card.

There was no further New Business.

Lee W8ZP made a motion to adjourn,
Dan N8NIJ seconded the motion

The meeting ended at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Ranta K8JX
Secretary