



Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance

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Minutes of the March 11, 2009 Meeting

We started with a program presented by Dan Mills N8PPQ entitled E-Z-O, My Circular Quad. I'm very happy with its performance on the air, and in severe weather. The picture below is of a 3-element version of the *E-Z-O* (patent pending).



Dan has a website at www.n8ppq.net and a site for his antenna at www.ezoantennas.com. The program was very interesting and informative. Thank you Dan for a pleasant start to our meeting.

Buisness Meeting

- The meeting of the Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance was brought to order by President Richard Ranta K8JX at 8:35 P.M. There were eleven members and two guests present. President Richie K8JX had us introduce ourselves.
- **Secretary Report** – Char WD8LGN read the February 11, 2009 secretary's report. There was one correction. The motion to approve was made by Wayne KB8VOZ seconded by Richie K8JX. Approved.
- **Treasurer's Report** –Jerry W8MSK read the treasurer's report. We had an opening balance of \$2001.28 and an ending balance of \$1950.28. Motion to approve was made and seconded, approved.



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- **The following Committees have nothing new. Special Events , Alternative Fund Raising, Repeater Site, Bereavement, Membership and Newsletter.**
- **Great Lakes Award:** Larry KC8KVR has a guy from Europe who wants to pay for the award in Euros. James K8JHR volunteered to finance the award.
- **Two Meter Net:** Bruce WD8KPQ said he's all set with NCS for upcoming weeks.
- **Field Day:** Mike K8OOK said to mark the last full weekend of June on our calendars.

Old Business

- We discussed with Dan N8NIJ the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner. He will check on dates in April but advises us to wait until fall since there is not sufficient time to advertise to get a good turn out. If we do have one in April, Dan will have the available dates for us by Friday March 13th. Our menu was fine last time so we'd use the same one.
- 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 second reading was approved.
- Jerry W8MSK presented a Budget report for 2009. General discussion followed. Our insurance coverage is liability for functions \$1,000,000 for an event with a \$3,000,000 total coverage.
- The New Hams Dinner was held February 21st. There were 2 new Hams. GRARA's Rich Douglas offered to pay 1/3 of the cost of the plaque.

New Business

- Rich Douglas of GRARA asked for us to help with the super swap. We suggested that he send a representative to fill us in on what they would need. He also stated that he's putting our membership application in their newsletter.
- The motion to adjourn was made by Peg seconded by Char WD8LGN. The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:
Charlotte Reffeor, Secretary, MARA