

Minutes of the April 12, 2006 Meeting

The meeting of the Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance was brought to order by President James Cordes KI8JD at 7:33PM. Jim had us introduce ourselves to each other.

Secretary Report – Richie Ranta gave the March 8,Th 2006 secretary's report. Larry KC8KVR made a motion to accept the report as given: Mike K8OOK seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer wasn't present

Trustee's Report – Everything is ok and he is going to be making some adjustments to the controller and adjust the clock. He asked Larry KC8KVR what would be a good time to perform ground cleanup: Larry said about the 2nd week in May.

Committee Reports.

Field Day Chairman: Mike K8OOK reminded everybody that Field Day is the last weekend in June. We may use laptops for the record keeping. Mike would prefer a hand written log, but will go with the laptop. Mike also said last year we didn't seem to have the operators we did the other times we held FD. Lets all get out and operate this year. Mike said he was going to contact Gale about the use of "A" generator. Either the same as we used last year or a different one. Mike will also be contacting the site person for permission to use the lot. Larry KC8KVR mentioned if we wanted to use the club's trailer, we would have to pick it up before FD since me may be out of state.

2-Meter Net Coordinator: Jim announced that Bruce WD8KPQ is now our 2 meter net director.

Great Lakes Award: Larry KC8KVR reported no new awards. Larry said he is stepping down from the GLA program. He has been the chairman for quite a while. No one volunteered to take the position at this time.

Special Events: nothing to report.

Old Business

Jim presented a bill from Gale N8GS for the gasoline we used during last summers Field Day. The amount is \$50.00. Larry KC8KVR made a motion to pay it. Seconded by Louie N8ZVB. The motion passed.

Jim presented a bill from Richard Douglas KC8NKA for repairing our club's repeaters power supply. The bill totaled \$30.00 Larry Dell's KC8KVR made a motion to pay it, Mike K8OOK seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jim then Read an inscription on a memorial card sent to us from Jerry Allen. It thanked us and stated how much Harold Allen, KB8MNI loved his ham friends.

Jim then read a nice "thank you" letter from Joe Bell WD8USA, this year's recipient of our "Ham of the Year" award.

Jim then presented a current flyer from the Cadillac Ham Swap.

Jim asked Wayne KB8VOZ if he had anything he wanted to present: Wayne said he was about ready to order the plaques for the two companies that supplied us during Operation care coffee stops.

Larry KC8KVR wanted to know if Jim had contacted the person from GRARA about their using our repeater for the Old Kent River Bank Run. Jim said the guy didn't really have much to do with GRARA, as much as KCEST. He hadn't replied to our inquiry.

There was no further Old Business.

New Business

Jim asked if anybody had driven by the rest area to see far they were in building it. Wayne said he had been by it last week and the doors weren't even on yet. Our permits are good for all three holidays, so we'll have to wait.

Jim also mentioned that the 4th of July falls on a Tuesday this year and we don't know the holiday is going to develop. Will companies give their employees Thursday and Friday off, or what? We'll have to wait and see how the holidays are given by the companies.

Wayne KB8VOZ wanted to know if Jim had formed a committee to investigate the future goals of Mara. Jim said no he hadn't.

Jim then stated that to him, he wanted a club where you can come without arguing, and actually enjoy each others company.

Leonard W8SPX wanted to know if we could put in a telephone patch on the repeater. Richie k8jx said the last he knew, it would cost about \$19.95 per month to run a line.

There was no further New Business.

Rich K8JX made a motion to adjourn,
Louie N8ZVB seconded the motion

The meeting ended at 8:26 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Ranta K8JX
Secretary

The minutes were adjusted at the May 10,2006 meeting. Under New Business, the day of the week, Wednesday, was replaced by Tuesday.

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