

The following are the tentative minutes of the April MARA meeting subject to correction and/or approval at the next meeting.

The April 13th, 2011 MARA meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to approve by Bill, N8VWI, 2nd by Barton, N8XQH, passed

Treasurer's Report: None

Trustee's Report: everything OK

Committee Reports:

Great Lakes Award: none

Special Events: none

Newsletter: none

Webmaster: some changes needed to the website because MDXA is gone.

MDXA Tuesday 2 meter net will continue

under the name of West Michigan Tuesday Net.

Bereavement: Bill, N8VWI thanked the members that attended his father's funeral. The mother of Sandy, K8VOJ, passed away recently.

2 meter net: WC8O, is Thursday net control

Field Day: none

Membership: non-renewing members from 2010 were contacted by Richard and Mike, K8OOK. They have not renewed as of this date.

Fund Raising: none

Old Business:

August 20th will be the club picnic/special event at Larry and Peg's QTH, with the special event radio operations extending into Sunday. N8VWI has offered a rig or two for the operation, more needed. WE need to line up operators, best frequencies, other suggestions to operate by 6/8 meeting so Larry can get published in QST. What type of certificate and QSL card was discussed, possibly with photo of founding members or a local landmark such as the Calder.

Hot dogs and coffee will be furnished at the picnic, bring dish to pass and your beverages. There will be fireworks.

ARRL does refund the club \$2.00 for each renewal, but with everyone having a different renewal date, it was decided that it was not worth the effort

New Business:

Richard has been looking at controllers, much discussion followed. Bill, N8VWI has offered a nice down payment. Requirements need to be looked at, used equipment that may be on the market. Larry has a UHF rig for the repeater that may work. A decision tabled while Larry and Richard will call Rob at T&W for guidance.

WMHOTY - list of nominees will be presented at the next meeting.

Mike< K8OOK mention that the Michigan QSO Party was on this Saturday, 4/16, certificates for highest score in each county

Bill motioned and 2nd by Marian to adjourn at 8:28PM, passed!

Submitted by Mike, K8OOK, secretary