

Minutes of the May 10, 2006 Meeting

The meeting of the Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance was brought to order by President James Cordes KI8JD at 7:403PM. Jim had us introduce ourselves to each other.

Secretary Report – Richie Ranta gave the April 12,Th 2006 secretary's report. Larry KC8KVR made a motion to accept the report as given: Louie N8ZVB. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Jerry W8MSK reported we have a balance of \$1906.27. Jim presented the Newsletter and toner bills. The report was accepted as presented.

Trustee's Report – Rich K8JX reported that he couldn't get the controller to respond to his DTMF command to change the time. Rich bought a notebook pc to manually adjust the time and reprogram the controller. He also had to order a double male plug. Just as soon as it gets here, Larry KC8KVR and Rich will go to the repeater site. We talked about cleaning up the repeater site and Larry had already priced crushed stone for the site. About \$100.00. We are going to do the clean up either after breakfast or when we can all get together.

Committee Reports.

Field Day Chairman: Mike K8OOk is out of state.

2-Meter Net Coordinator: Bruce WD8KPQ and Char WD8LGN are gone.

Great Lakes Award: Larry KC8KVR reported a new award from Spain: the applicant want's Larry to E-mail him when he receives his application. Larry also read a letter that Richard KC8NKA had forwarded to Larry. The Ham wanted information and Larry wrote him back.

Special Events: nothing to report.

Old Business

Jim KI8JD announced that he had called the State Police person and the guy had called back, but wouldn't be in his office till next Monday. Jim read our permits for the Rest area, and we do have them for Memorial Day weekend.

Wayne KB8VOZ said he had forgotten one person on his list of people to acknowledge for all they've done for the club: George Hofacker, the man who donates the use of his property each summer for our Field Day. Wayne said he would try and get all three plaques with the allotted money that has been voted on.

Wayne also shared that he had presented Sue and Ray Dell with the appreciation plaque. Wayne took a photo and we'll run it in the newsletter and put it on the web site.

Rich K8JX wanted to know the actual dates that the three summer holidays fell on: he is going to put up the sign up sheet. Jim read from the permits what dates were can set up our operation:

May 26 to May 29, June 30, to July 4 and September 1 to September 4.

Jim mentioned that the newsletter was out and that we should thank Rich for all the work he's done. Larry KC8KVR said it was one of the best Newsletters we've had.

He also mentioned that we had some recipe's left over, and if you have one you'd like to see included, please send it to him.

Jim wanted to know if we wanted to have a table at the I.R.A. Swap this coming June. We voted and it passed.

There was no further Old Business.

New Business

Wayne KB8VOZ announced that there is a new Radio Store opening up, on May 15th. It is located west of the 76th street truck stop. The store will sell Radios, cell phones and computers.

Peg Dell's brought up that it is a lot of work to set up a Fox Hunt, and it looks like there are only 6 people interested in participating. Peg wanted us to get out and participate in the next Hunt. Jim suggested this would be a good article for the next newsletter.

Larry KC8KVR explained the situation with the missing GLA QSL cards. He doesn't have them, neither does Jim or Wayne. Rich will contact Rich D again and see if he can look again.

There was no further New Business.

Wayne KB8VOZ made a motion to adjourn,
Jerry W8MSK seconded the motion

The meeting ended at 8:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Ranta K8JX
Secretary