



Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance

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Minutes of the May 13, 2008 Meeting

- The meeting of the Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance was brought to order by President Richard Ranta K8JX at 7:32 P.M. There were ten members present. President Richie K8JX had us introduce ourselves.
- **Secretary Report** – Char WD8LGN read the April 9, 2008 secretary's report. There as one correction. The motion to approve was made by Jerry W8MSK seconded Marian. It was accepted.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Jerry W8MSK read the treasurer's report. The balance from last report was \$1223.01. The income and expenses netted (\$106.37). We have an ending balance of \$1116.64. We have a balance of \$50.53 in the entertainment fund. The motion to approve the report was made by John NF8P. It was accepted.
- **Amendment to change Article 9E of the By-Laws:** The third and final reading was made of the change to Article 9E from the By-Laws which reads as follows:
9E. Persons 70 years or older shall pay \$5.00 per year for membership due on January 1st will be dropped with a grandfather clause for present members who are now over 70. Any members reaching 70 from now on will pay the \$20 dues. Vote was taken all approved
- **Trustee:** Nothing new.

Committee Reports

- **The following Committees have nothing new. Great Lakes Award, Special Events, Trustee, Bereavement, Web Master, 2-Meter Net Coordinator.**
- **Newsletter:** The Newsletter will be out before the IRA Hamfest. Get your articles in to Jim K18JD.
- **2-Meter Net Coordinator:** Bruce WD8KPQ sent a sign up sheet around for people to sign up to be Net Control for future weeks.
- **Alternative Fund Raising:** The only topic was that we should be thinking about the Spaghetti Dinner and advertising for September.
- **Field Day:** The site is set. Larry KC8KVR, Bruce WD8KPQ, Jerry W8MSK, Louis N8ZVB are hoping to be there. Mike K8OOK will have equipment at the site. We will try to sell Louis's N8ZVB radio at the IRA hamfest
- **Membership:** Mike talked to a man up North and invited him to attend a meeting and if he likes it to join the club



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- **Operation Care:** Appreciation Plaques were delivered to the donors for our coffee stop last year. They were well received and pictures were taken. We have our designated spot near the building at the rest area. There was general discussion about the schedule and who would deliver the trailer to the site and take it back after. We are still wondering if this is the best fund raiser for us. We committed to being there for the Memorial weekend from Sat. May 24, 2008 thru Mon. May 26th 2008. Leonard W8SPX will talk to Voortman's to see if they will donate cookies again and Wayne KB8VOZ and Marian will get coffee.

Old Business

Mike K8OOK mentioned putting up a table at the IRA Hamfest to sell the radio a group of us bought from Louis N8ZVB if he does not redeem it. Larry KC8KVR will also have a table. All are welcome to sell something.

We need to send out the awards for New Hams.

New Business

We will have a table at the IRA swap.

The motion to adjourn was made by Leonard W8SPX and seconded by John NF8P. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:
Charlotte Reffeor, Secretary, MARA