



Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance

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Minutes of the June 11, 2008 Meeting

- The meeting of the Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance was brought to order by President Richard Ranta K8JX at 7:29 P.M. There were ten members present. President Richie K8JX had us introduce ourselves.
- **Secretary Report** – Char WD8LGN read the May 13, 2008 secretary's report. There as one addition. The motion to approve was made by Larry KC8KVR seconded Wayne KB8VOZ and approved.
- **Treasurer's Report** – No report.
- **Trustee:** Nothing new.

Committee Reports

- **Bereavement:** Richie K8JX told us that Brenda Braybrook's son passed away from unknown causes and Richie sent a card from the club.
- **Great Lakes Award:** Larry KC8KVR sent out 4 certificates. Two to Louisiana one to Japan and one to Canada.
- **Repeater Site:** Larry KC8KVR said he's going to check around for the best price on weed killer for the repeater site. It's quite expensive this year.
- **Special Events:** Larry KC8KVR said Veterans Day falls on a Tuesday this year and he'll check to see if we will be able to hold the event. He thinks the administrators have a lot of other activities planned for that day.
- **Newsletter:** Leonard W8SPX mentioned that Voortman's were not included in the last issue so Rich K8JX will be sure to include Mike Bisby in the next issue.
- **Web Master:** Rich K8JX said there was a problem with microsoft's update but he got it worked out.
- **2-Meter Net Coordinator:** Bruce WD8KPQ said all is well.

Old Business

- **Alternative Fund Raising:** The operation Care raised \$356 before expenses. Motion was made to drop it for the 4th of July by Wayne KB8VOZ, seconded by Larry KC8KVR. Vote was taken all approve. We may still do Labor Day. We have our spaghetti dinner in September though. Wayne KB8VOZ made a motion we set up a committee to study goals for our annual budget with a 2-5 year plan. Motion to approve by Larry KC8KVR, seconded by Bruce WD8KPQ and approved on vote.
- **Field Day:** Mike K8OOK said we will be using the club trailer Larry KC8KVR will also be there with his trailer. Bruce WD8KPQ and Char



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WD8LGN will be there with their trailer. Mike K8OOK will post scheduling on the web site. Dinner will be at 6 PM and breakfast at 8 AM. We hope to contact boy scouts and see if we can get them on the air sometime during field day. Field day starts from the time we get set up and start to 24 hrs later.

- **Membership:** Mike K8OOK will send a letter to Barry Heintz W8EMI to invite him to a meeting.

New Business

- We need lightening insurance for the repeater.
Doug KC8EGM sent a letter to us which read as follows: At the January LARC meeting, Doug KC8EGM, stated: "would like to appeal to MARA regarding the actual election process of HAM OF THE YEAR. Presently MARA invites nominations from the other clubs but the actual election is a MARA event. Doug felt that if all clubs participate in funding the award, they should all be involved in the election.
We discussed this no decision was made.
- Leonard W8SPX said he'd like to see us get a gin pole for the club.

The motion to adjourn was made by Bruce WD8KPQ and seconded by Larry KC8KVR. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:
Charlotte Reffeor, Secretary, MARA