



Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance

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Minutes of the June 13, 2007 Meeting

- The meeting of the Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance was brought to order by President Richard Ranta K8JX at 7:30 P.M. There were eleven members present. President Richie K8JX had us introduce ourselves.
- **Secretary Report** – Char WD8LGN read the May 9, 2007 secretary's report. There were two corrections. Motion to accept was made by Larry KC8KVR seconded Wayne KB8VOZ. It was accepted
- **Treasurer's Report** – Jerry W8MSK reported that we have a balance of \$1432.37. He has unpaid bills and the motion to pay said bills was made by Larry KC8KVR and seconded by Rich K8JX to pay said bills. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.
- **Trustee--Technical Committee:** Rich K8JX reported that the power was out for a while and consequently he will update the time. Larry KC8KVR reported he will spray around the area soon.

Committee Reports

- Great Lakes Award: No new awards
- **Special Events:** Larry KC8KVR said Veterans Day is coming along fine. He will advertise in CQ, QST, World Radio. Bruce WD8KPQ will get certificates printed.
- **Newsletter:** Rich K8JX reported that the newsletters went out without a problem. He passed a signup sheet for members to check if they want their copy sent out by e-mail.
- **Bereavement:** No report
- **2-Meter Net Coordinator:** All is well.
- **Alternative Fund Raising:** Several ideas were presented by Wayne KB8VOZ.
- **Operation Care:** We are still holding Operation Care for the Labor Day weekend..
- **Field Day:** Mike K8OOK reported that he has tried to e-mail Gale to find out the all size needed to haul the generator to the site. Larry KC8KVR reported that he will pick up the trailer and take it to his house. Mike K8OOK will take it from there to the field day site. He gave a run down of what materials are still needed and Rich K8JX will publish a sign up sheet on our web site if anyone wants a specific time slot. Logging to be done on paper or Rich's laptop. Handouts are available. Larry will have his own trailer with a station set up for operation of the Go To station.
- **Fox Hunts:** We will have a fox hunt on August 4th in conjunction with our annual picnic at Peg and Larry Dell's. There will be fireworks too.



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- **Membership:** Mike K8OOK reported that a new member:
Roman J Downer N4SC
2110 Shawnee Dr Se
Grand Rapids MI 49506. Has paid his dues for this year.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- Larry KC8KVR reported that he has been offered a radio from Robert Streeter which we could install at the Veteran's facility as a receiver. He is looking into that possibility.
- Wayne KB8VOZ reported that he and Marian enjoyed the Muskegon Club meeting on June 1st with Bruce WD8KPQ and Char WD8LGN. He told us of the many activities of that club and said they always have a speaker before the business meeting. They have a good mix of all ages young (even children) to old as well as female hams. The man who holds classes lets his students progress at their own pace, taking the test when ready. Field day is very active. The clubhouse is open for Boy Scouts and MARRC members serve as advisors. Wayne suggested we start a repeater fund in our budget.
- Richie K8JX said Gale N8GS has a relative who would like to give us a repeater. It was also mentioned that GRARA is changing their 146000 repeater to D-Star. They have the funds set aside for it.

The motion was made to adjourn by Jerry W8MSK and seconded by Bruce WD8KPQ.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:
Charlotte Reffeor, Secretary MARA