

Minutes of the July 12, 2006 Meeting

The meeting of the Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance was brought to order by President James Cordes KI8JD at 7:35PM. Jim had us introduce ourselves to each other.

Secretary Report – Richie Ranta gave the June 14, Th 2006 secretary's report. Jim KI8JD had several corrections to the minutes; that under items purchased for Operation Care, it should have been recorded " Grape mix, cookies, napkins and garbage bags." Also, "will contact people" should be " contact Chris KC8MIL and Pam KC8VUB". Lee W8ZP made a motion to accept the report as given: Gaye seconded the motion.. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – No report given.

Trustee's Report –Rich K8JX stated that Larry KC8KVR said the weeds at the repeater site are dead. When we're through being busy, we can have the crushed stone hauled to the site. Wayne KB8VOZ said Larry KC8KVR isn't feeling too good, so maybe we shouldn't give him all this work to do.

Committee Reports.

2-Meter Net Coordinator: Bruce WD8KPQ said he needs a NCS for July 20th.

Technical Committee: NR

Education:NR

Membership: NR.

Special Events: Chris KC8MIL read the letter from Tiffany Beach, the Activity Therapy Manager at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. She had included a photo she took of our folks at the Special Event. He passed the photo around. Wayne KB8VOZ said we should do more events like this. It benefits all involved.

Field Day: Mike K8OOK was on vacation, but had passed the final report to Rich K8JX. He passed around the summary sheet and the actual event log.

Old Business

Operation Care Coffee Stop: Jim KI8JD reported that for Sunday, July 2nd and July 4th, we received donations totaling \$104.00. Jim thought that if we didn't get enough volunteers, we might consider quit operating the coffee stop. We then had a general discussion on what might have affected the outcome of this and the Memorial Day operation. Wayne thought maybe we could try and move the trailer closer to the rest area. It was brought up that there simply weren't that many people stopping at the rest area. Folks did walk the distance if they wanted coffee and somebody to chat with. Jim offered to let any other member run the operation if they wanted to.

Wayne KB8VOZ suggested we contact the Life Members and see if they would be willing to volunteer. Rich pointed out that they already receive the Newsletter and know we do this every year.

Rich K8JX made an offer to start a committee to come up with alternative sources of donations. Wayne KB8VOZ said he would volunteer too.

Bruce WD8KPQ said we didn't have enough time to announce the Memorial Day schedule and maybe if we put up a sign up sheet now, people will visit it more often.

Chris KC8MIL made a motion to hold Labor Day Operation Care Coffee stop, starting on Saturday September 2, 2006 at noon, right thought to September 4th, 2006 at 8PM.

Louie N8ZVB seconded the motion. We voted and it passed.

Rich K8JX wanted to know exactly what dates were involved, and once he knew, he would put the sign up sheet up that same night.

Louie N8ZVB suggested we have 4 Driver slots put up on the web site. We will also include a slot for Trailer hauling.

Pam KC8VUB said she would contact MacDonald's in Sparta regarding the Orange Drink.

We asked Leonard if he could get cookies and he said he couldn't.

We then had a discussion on what we'll need for the next operation Care.

New Business

Jim KI8JD said that Larry KC8KVR has tentatively announced that the next Fox Hunt will be on August 19, 2006, followed by the annual Mara after Summer Picnic. More details to follow.

Wayne KB8VOZ suggested what with memorial Day Coffee stop, the I.R.A. Swap, followed by the June Meeting and 1 ½ week later, Field Day, followed then by the 4th of July Coffee stop, that perhaps we're seeing too much of each other. Maybe we should take a summer breather.

We then had a discussion on how to bring in news members.

This issue will be pursued at a future meeting.

There was no further New Business.

Chris KC8MIL made a motion to adjourn,

Louie N8ZVB seconded the motion

The meeting ended at 8:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Ranta K8JX
Secretary