

Minutes of the August 9, 2006 Meeting

The meeting of the Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance was brought to order by President James Cordes KI8JD at 7:51PM. Jim had us introduce ourselves to each other.

Secretary Report – Richie Ranta gave the July 12Th 2006 secretary's report. There were no additions/corrections to the report. Larry KC8KVR made a motion to accept the report as read. Wayne KB8VOZ seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Jerry W8MSK said we had a balance as of the June meeting of \$1673.06. With several deposits and payouts, we have a balance of \$1833.01. The entertainment fund has a balance of \$141.75. There were no additions/corrections to the report. Wayne KB8VOZ made a motion to accept the report as read. Gaye seconded the motion. It passed.

Trustee's Report –Rich K8JX reported that everything is going ok. After the Labor Day Operation Coffee stop, he is going to upload changes to the controller. Larry KC8KVR wanted to know if we could put the linear on line at that time. Rich said yes we would.

Membership Report- Mike K8OOK has several ideas he wants to explore, but hasn't had the time to try them out.

Special Event- Larry KC8KVR stated the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans special event is still on. He believes we need to start contacting the various Ham magazines to help promote the special event.

Awards- Wayne KB8VOZ reported he is waiting for the plaques to arrive and then will present them. Wayne also wanted to know what the club wants to do with the M.M.O.T.Y. Within the last two years, we've only received one nomination. We then had a general discussion on if we should maintain this program with such a small membership base. Larry thought this might offend other members, who also do an outstanding job. Gaye made a motion to table the discussion till next months meeting. Larry KC8KVR seconded the motion. Jim KI8JD said he will call this year's nominee, Chris KC8MIL, and get his input on this.

Web Master- Richie K8JX reported our web site was hacked on August 2, 2006 at 2:04AM. The group responsible removed our front page and installed their logo. Rich restored our web site and nothing has happened since. He is still attempting to report this intrusion.

Committee Reports.

2-Meter Net Coordinator: NR

Technical Committee: NR

Education:NR

Field Day: Mike K8OOK said Rich k8jx had reported on this past summers FD.

Old Business

Operation Care Coffee Stop: Jim KI8JD reported we have 5 slots filled. We also have both setup and tear down hauling the trailer filled. We then had a general discussion on how to get more people to volunteer. Jim KI8JD explained how we might invite other clubs and give them a percentage of the net. We then discussed various ideas of how to present this to other clubs. Jerry W8MSK suggested we give our members the first choice of available slots, and then allow others to sign up. Gaye made a motion to "Contact each of the local ham radio clubs and offer to share 2 ½ % of the net profits, for each slot that is filled. This is for the Labor Day Operation Care weekend. We will allow the other clubs to start signing up on August 21, 2006." Wayne KB8VOZ seconded the motion. We voted and it passed.

There was no further Old Business.

New Business

Jim KI8JD asked Larry KC8KVR about the FOX HUNT and the End of Summer Picnic. Larry reported that the Fox Hunt will start at 3PM on August 19, 2006 at Belknap Park. Bring a good map and compass. The starting mileage will be recorded at the start.

The picnic will be held right after the Fox Hunt. 6PM at Peg and Larry's home. Please bring your own chair, bug spray, a dish to pass and your own drinks. They will have the coffee pot on. They will supply the hot dogs and fire works afterwards. Jim KI8JD wanted clarification on if this is open or just members. Larry said the Fox Hunt and Picnic it is for Mara members and their guests. Please let either Peg or Larry know how many are coming.

Wayne KB8VOZ wants to thank Richie K8JX for finally compiling an inventory of the trailer. Rich said it is only partial. It will be done after the Labor Day Coffee stop.

Gaye suggested that we might want to try other methods of generating funds for our clubs use.

Gaye mentioned the other areas that IRA and GRARA have used.

Wayne said to give any ideas to either Rich or himself.

Jim KI8JD reported that he had been to the new Ham Store in Grand Rapids, and he was pleasantly surprised. It has lots of ham radios and cell phones. A great place to visit and look around!

There was no further New Business.

Louie N8ZVB made a motion to adjourn,
Larry KC8KVR seconded the motion

The meeting ended at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Ranta K8JX
Secretary