



Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance

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Minutes of the September 10, 2008 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 twelve members present. President Richie K8JX had us introduce ourselves.
- **Secretary Report** – Char WD8LGN read the August 13, 2008 secretary's report. There were two corrections. The motion to approve was made by Wayne KB8VOZ seconded Jerry W8MSK. It was accepted.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Jerry W8MSK read the treasurer's report. The balance from last report was \$1409.02. The income and expenses netted \$634.84). We have an ending balance of \$2043.86. We have a balance of \$167.53 in the entertainment fund. Jerry W8MSK discovered that our checking account was incorrectly a personal account so they closed that and opened a business account. Larry KC8KVR thanked Bruce WD8KPQ for selling the equipment on e-bay. Bruce didn't realize there was a posting fee which had not been deducted so it was decided to pay him the \$46.50 when our new checking account is completely opened. The motion to approve the report was made by Larry KC8KVR and seconded by Mike K8OOK. It was approved.
- **Trustee:** We have QRM on the input of our repeater. Everyone has been hearing it. Richie K8JX was out to the repeater to update it.

Committee Reports

- **The following Committees have nothing new. Alternative Fund Raising, Bereavement, 2-Meter Net.**
- **Great Lakes Award:** A Canadian asked Larry KC8KVR if satellite contacts would count. They do so Larry sent him materials to apply.
- **Special Events:** Larry KC8KVR has posted our Veterans Day Event on the ARRL website and World Radio and QST magazine. The Event will run two days Nov. 8th and 9th, 2008, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. They will use 14,040 MHz., 12,250 MHz. 7.040 MHz. and 5.250 MHz. to transmit. They will set up Friday Nov. 7th. Larry is also trying to get a class started for new hams and updates.
- **Newsletter:** The Newsletter is out.
- **Web Master:** Richie K8JX set up a link to e-mail the club.
- **Operation Care:** was canceled.
- **Field Day:** Mike K8OOK reported that results are not in QST until the October issue.
- **Membership:** Mike K8OOK sent a letter of invitation to W8GCR.



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Old Business

We discussed the Spaghetti with Dan N8NIJ. The following was stated.

- Attendance varies at this type function. Typically they cook for 100 and we can probably expect 30-40 out of the hall to attend.
- Dan will put announcements up in the hall.
- We should tell everyone we can and plan to post with GRARA MAARC GRARA ham fest and the Press Newspaper.
- We also try to get announcements on some of the area T.V. stations.
- Dan will do the shopping. He has accounts with Sam's Club and Gordon Foods. Larry KC8KVR said he will go shopping with Dan if Dan needs help.
- We should arrive around 2 P.M.
- Women of club will make brownies.
- Menu is the spaghetti, salad mix in small bowls, 2-3 choices of salad dressing, coffee, orange drink and breadsticks.
- We have cups from operation care to use.
- Bar will be open.
- Guests to be served at the open counter
- Dan will cook.

New Business

Leonard W8SPX told us he received 3 awards for 55-70 years of faithful service at ham fests. Presentation was made at a meeting by Mike Hill.

Leonard W8SPX also had ordered cookies for operation care and had to cancel the order.

There was no other new business.

The motion to adjourn was made by Bruce WD8KPQ and seconded by Dan N8NIJ. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:
Charlotte Reffeor, Secretary, MARA