

Minutes of the September 13, 2006 Meeting

The meeting of the Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance was brought to order by President James Cordes KI8JD at 7:42PM. Jim had us introduce ourselves to each other.

Secretary Report – Richie K8JX gave the August 9, th 2006 secretary's report. There were no additions/corrections to the report. Wayne KB8VOZ made a motion to accept the report as read. Gaye seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Jerry W8MSK said we had a balance as of the August meeting of \$1833.01. With several deposits and payouts, we have a balance of \$1919.11 There were no additions/corrections to the report. Larry KC8KVR made a motion to accept the report as read. Louie N8ZVB seconded the motion. It passed.

Trustee's Report –Rich K8JX reported that everything is going ok.

Operation Care Coffee Stop: Jim KI8JD reported we had made about \$253.00 or so. (The re-counting and deposits haven't been made yet) Jim read aloud a survey the State had given him to complete at the end of the operation. Jim had agreed that everything was ok except the location. He stated that in the opinion section of the survey. Jim asked the members if they wanted him to send it the way it is. We all agreed it was good to send.

Wayne KB8VOZ offered to meet with the engineer of the rest area and see if we can change locations. Larry KC8KVR and Mike K8OOK offered to go with him.

Chris KC8MIL said the Rockford (the Algoma) Meijers had given us a donation and we had only used \$44.07. We had \$5.93 left. He turned over the rest to the treasurer. He suggested and we agreed a "thank you" note should be sent to the General Manager. We all thanked Pam for the effort she gave in securing the donation.

2-Meter Net Coordinator: Bruce said everything was ok. He asked Wayne if he could handle next weeks net. Wayne said he could.

Membership Report- Mike K8OOK reported he has been working on a pamphlet to be given to new hams and hand out at swaps. He called his Pamphlet "An Invitation to join". He read it and we all agreed it is good. Mike said he would wait and see if anybody had any additions to the hand out.

Special Event- Chris KC8MIL stated the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans special event is still on. He is going to change the operating frequencies due to interference. Bruce WD8KQP offered to have new QSL's printed for the occasion. Chris said he has a lot left from last years printing. It was decided to let Bruce print new cards for the special occasion. Bruce said we should do more special events that reflect the national character of our call sign: W8USA, Chris passed around a "Wish List" for the residents of the GRHV. We decided to include the list with the announcement for the next special event in our next Newsletter. Wayne KB8VOZ made a motion to let Peg handle the "Wish List" for our club and also to make a \$50.00 donation to the GRHV Wish List. Mike K8OOK seconded the motion and we voted: it passed.

Chris handed the club secretary material from the 2005 special event. He also pointed out the staff we will contact for further information on the Wish List and how we can help the residents out.

Great Lakes Awards- Larry KC8KVR reported we had a new GLA winner. Larry passed around the QSL card. Wayne KB8VOZ asked if we had ever found the lost QSL cards. No we hadn't.

Web Master- Nothing to report.

Committee Reports.

Old Business

Jim KI8JD wanted to know if Jerry W8MSK or Larry KC8KVR had sent a bereavement card to Ed Buck, KC8PCK. Jerry has one but hasn't sent it yet.

Chris KC8MIL wanted to know what we were going to do with the repeaters linear. Larry said we're going to put it on and see how it performs. He has a problem finding literature on the Henry amp.

Chris KC8MIL brought up the issue of the last Fox Hunt. The instructions stated that a Mara member must plan the next Fox Hunt. But our last winners, who were decided by their time of arrival instead of mileage, were not current Mara members. We had a general discussion on possibly changing the next Fox Hunt rules to reflect this situation.

There was no further Old Business.

New Business

Jim KI8JD announced that tomorrow is Louie's N8ZVB's birthday.

Mike K8OOK made a motion to donate the remainder of the gift credit from operation Care, to the Wish List fund.

Peg has agreed to head the "Wish List" for our club.

Wayne KB8VOZ seconded the motion: it passed.

Jerry W8MSK asked if we were interested in holding another after Christmas dinner. This time, it was suggested to invite have current members only.

We had a discussion on where to hold it and everybody thought Bran's did a terrific job.

Larry KC8KVR made a motion to put Marian and Wayne KB8VOZ in charge of organizing the event. Gaye seconded the motion. We voted" it passed.

There was no further New Business.

Jim KI8JD made a motion to adjourn,

Louie N8ZVB seconded the motion

The meeting ended at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Ranta K8JX
Secretary