

The following are the tentative minutes of the Oct MARA meeting subject to correction and/or approval at the next meeting.

The October 10th, 2012 MARA meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to approval by Larry, seconded by Peg, passed

Treasurer's Report: Previous balance was \$2149.88, a check for \$250 was written to Dan to purchase supplies for Burger Night. New balance is \$1899.88. Motion to approval by Larry, 2nd by Peg, passed

Trustee's Report: all OK

Committee Reports:

Great Lakes Award: none

Special Events: none

Newsletter: almost done

Webmaster: New By-laws on the website

Bereavement: none

2 meter net: OK

Field Day: none

Fund Raising: Burger Night was advertised on Ch 8, Ch 13, GRARA and Allegan Websites. Workers to report at 3 PM.

Membership: GRARA's last meeting had a big attendance, possibly fueled by NE8Z's DX talk about Mt Athos in Greece

Old Business:

Larry requested to purchase the following club equipment; folding table, 30 cup coffee maker, 2 extension cords for \$55. Corey made a motion to approve, 2nd by Barton, approved

New Business:

.org web domain was discussed. MARA is not but should be registered on the site to protect ourselves in case on any future problems. Our contract is thru 7/8/14. Richard will contact them.

Larry thought the nomination ballot was not worded good, says "paid member". Not always true, such as free membership to new hams.

Nominations for 2013 board were started:

Peg nominated Barton for president - accepted

Mike nominated Larry for vice-president - accepted

Richard nominated Jerry for Treasurer - accepted

Larry nominated Mike for secretary - accepted

Mike nominated Peg for secretary - not accepted

Further nominations will be accepted up to the Dec meeting.

We discussed the Great Lakes Award, Larry wanted to know how we might be able to put the certificate on the computer and/or shrink the size, options discussed, not decision made.

Fort Wayne swap, ARRL sactioned, is on Nov 17/18, they have sent us a free parking pass for anyone interested in going.

The Kalamazoo Hamfest is on Sunday, Oct 21.

Larry did a great job selling most of Wayne, K8WMD's remaining equipment at the GRARA swap. We have \$285. to pass on to Marian. One of the larger items left, is a Mirage 2 meter amp.

Barton took several pictures of Wayne's grave site which will be e-mailed to everyone in the near future.

Mike made a motion, 2nd by Richard to adjourn at 829 PM

Submitted by Mike, K8OOK, MARA secretary