

Minutes of the October 11, 2006 Meeting

The meeting of the Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance was brought to order by President James Cordes KI8JD at 7:45PM. Jim had us introduce ourselves to each other.

Secretary Report – Richie K8JX gave the September 13, th 2006 secretary's report. There were no additions/corrections to the report. Wayne KB8VOZ made a motion to accept the report as read. Marian seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Jerry W8MSK said we had a balance as of the September meeting of \$1919.11. With several deposits and payouts, we have a balance of \$2015.55. We have a balance of \$141.75 in the entertainment fund. There were no additions/corrections to the report. Lee W8ZP made a motion to accept the report as read. Wayne KB8VOZ seconded the motion. It passed.

Committee Reports.

2-Meter Net Coordinator: Bruce said Carl WA8AAT is scheduled to be net control this week. Everything is going nicely.

Technical Committee: Rich K8JX said Larry KC8KVR and Mike K8OOK will be getting together probably next Saturday to turn on the linear and also perform some software maintenance. Mike wanted to know if maybe we couldn't meet during the week, since all of us are retired. Rich will check with Larry.

JOTA: Jim KI8JD and Lee W8ZP were wondering what was going on with the Scouts Jamboree on the air. Wayne said he had heard other hams chatting about it, but nothing from Carl WA8AAT. We will contact Carl to see what is happening.

Membership Report- Mike K8OOK handed out a one page information sheet to be distributed to new hams at swaps and Field Day. If have any suggestions for the sheet, please contact him.

Wayne wanted to know if we are hosting our web site with Yahoo. Rich said no, we are still with our original hosting system Dan T. Rich explained that Dan had decided to maintain our web site on his server.

After Christmas dinner party. Jim KI8JD wanted to know how the planning was going on the Christmas dinner. Wayne said they're still working on it, but it should be in February 2007.

Great Lakes Awards- No report

Web Master- Rich reported he had placed the Wish List for the GR home for Veterans on our web site. Everything else is going ok.

Old Business

Bruce WD8KPQ said he had printed the QSL cards, and we could either reimburse him, or he'd pay for the cards himself. Wayne KB8VOZ made a motion to reimburse Bruce for the Cards. Seconded by Mike K8OOK. The motion passed.

Nominations for Mara club offices.

Jim KI8JD said according to our new and improved By-Laws, we opened up the process to nominate members for Mara offices.

For President: Lee W8ZP nominated Rich K8JX. He accepted the nomination.
Wayne KB8VOZ nominated Larry KC8KVR. Will check with Larry if he accepts.
Jim KI8JD nominated Bruce WD8KPQ. Bruce declined.
Jim KI8JD nominated Leonard W8SPX. Leonard declined.
Wayne KB8VOZ nominated Mike K8OOK. Mike declined.

For Vice President:

Lee W8ZP nominated Wayne KB8VOZ. Wayne accepted.
Wayne KB8VOZ nominated Bruce WD8KPQ. Bruce declined.

For Secretary:

Rich K8JX nominated Jim KI8JD. Jim declined.
Wayne KB8VOZ nominated Marian Dowling. She declined.
Marian nominated Mike K8OOK. Mike declined
Lee W8ZP nominated Char WD8LGN. Char accepted.
But will need help in keeping minutes. Marian D. will help
Char keep minutes.

For Treasurer:

Lee W8ZP nominated Jerry W8MSK. Jerry Accepted.

That was all of the nominations till next months meeting.

There was no further Old Business.

New Business

We had a general discussion on what might have contributed to the poor showing of Operation Care Coffee Stop. We all agreed the high price of gas probably contributed to the lack of people stopping by. We also thought that changing the location would probably help out a lot.

Wayne KB8VOZ wanted to know if all of our club licenses and incorporation fees are up to date. Rich said yes all of our licenses and dues are up to date.
Lee W8ZP asked Jerry W8MSK how much do we spent each year. Jerry didn't have that information available.

We then had a general discussion on how to get new members. Bruce wanted to know if anybody had contacted past members and ask them to come back. Jerry W8MSK said he has sent out reminders to past members to pay their dues.
We then had a discussion on the merits of giving new hams free membership in our club for the remaining calendar year.

Wayne KB8VOZ made a motion to give free memberships to new hams for one calendar year. Mike K8OOK seconded the motion. It passed. Mike K8OOK said he would include this information in the information hand out sheet he was making.

Wayne wanted to acknowledge the contribution Richard Douglas's children had made for this past seasons Operation Care Coffee stop. We agreed to send them a letter of appreciation.

There was no further New Business.

Rich K8JX made a motion to adjourn,
Wayne KB8VOZ seconded the motion

The meeting ended at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Ranta K8JX
Secretary